North Molton Primary School Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Love Learning...Learn Well.

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of a slightly shorter week, it certainly hasn't been any less busy here at North Molton! There has been lots going on across the school, and it has been wonderful to see the children continuing to work hard and represent our school so positively.

On Monday, we welcomed Leanne Arrowsmith, our Trust Education Partner, into school. During her visit, Leanne spent time looking at teaching and learning across the school and was particularly positive about the introduction of our new phonics scheme, which is supporting our youngest children in developing their early reading skills. She also commented on the calm and respectful way children conduct themselves around the school and the high levels of engagement she observed in classrooms. We were incredibly proud of the children and staff for showcasing North Molton so well.

Tuesday and Wednesday saw our Year 5 pupils taking part in **Bikeability Level 2** training. This has been a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop important road safety awareness and gain confidence when riding their bikes. Learning these lifelong skills is so valuable, and the children approached the training with enthusiasm and maturity.

Today, we came together to celebrate **Harvest** with our wonderful Harvest Service. The children did an excellent job with their singing, poems and readings, helping us reflect on the importance of community, gratitude and helping others. A huge thank you to all the parents and family members who joined us and walked to church with the children. Your support is always greatly appreciated and helps make these occasions so special.

My thanks go to the **PTA** for organising the Halloween raffle. I hope many of you managed to purchase a ticket and support their fantastic fundraising efforts.

As we reach the end of a wonderful first half term, I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received since joining North Molton. It has been a pleasure getting to know our children, families and staff. I wish you all a relaxing, enjoyable and well-deserved half-term break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back after the holiday.



Phil Lewis (Headteacher)

Upcoming School Diary Dates

Monday 2nd November - Return to school
Tuesday 3rd -Thursday 5th - Parent Consultations
Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th - Bikeability Level 2 - Group 2
Sparrowhawks swimming continues

Around The Classes



This week in Robins and Wrens we have been busy role playing in our Post office, making shapes using play dough and reading and re-telling the stories 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'Where's Spot?'. Robins are excited to share their song with you at our Harvest Festival today!



Owls have had a very busy and productive week, working hard to complete their current units of work in both Maths and English. The children have shown great determination and enthusiasm, applying the skills they have learned and celebrating their achievements as they finished their topics. In our creative curriculum work, the children enjoyed creating multimedia pictures of space. They explored different techniques and materials to produce imaginative artwork inspired by planets, stars and the wider universe. Their creativity and attention to detail were wonderful to see. The children have also been practising songs and performances for the Harvest Festival. They have shown growing confidence and have worked together brilliantly while learning the words and actions. Well done, Owls, for another fantastic week of learning and exploration! We are very proud of all your hard work.



This week the children in Falcons Class have been investigating: "Do all metals conduct electricity?". They made predictions and tested the metals by making electrical circuits containing each metal. They found that not all metals conduct electricity! In maths the Year 3 children have been introduced to column addition and have enjoyed this greatly! It has been wonderful to see the writing about The Street Beneath My Feet and the children have written about the sewers, fossils and caves!



This week the children in Sparrowhawks have edited and written a presentation copy of their writing based on the discovery of the Gingerbread House in Hansel and Gretel . We have also completed our first unit of work on multiplication and division. Some of our Year 5 children have also completed their Bikeability Level 2 training this week, learning how to be safe when cycling in our local community. We hope that you all enjoy a relaxing half-term break and I look forward to meeting with you all at our parent meetings during the first week back.



Stars Of The Week

Robins

This week we are celebrating
Jonty
He is a fun friend who likes making models, playing on the combine harvester and dinosaur games on the big playground with us. His teachers say that he is a happy, friendly boy who loves helping them and likes to have a good chat.

Owls

This week we are celebrating
Arya
Her friends say that "She has a kind soul." " She helped me when I hurt myself." " She's really good at maths!" " She is really ready and respectful; she tidied up the table."

Falcons

This week we are celebrating
Finn
being a great team player and a nice friend. His friends say he is respectful and kind. If someone gets hurt, then he always checks if they are ok. He is fun to play with and always does the right thing. He never leaves anyone out and approaches everything with a great smile!

Sparrowhawks

This week we are celebrating
Kathleen
for settling well into our school. Her friends say that she is funny and very friendly. She is always kind, caring and respectful to everyone in our school. She always tries to learn and she completes tasks.

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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 -97%

Owls - 98%

Falcons - 99%

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 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 2nd November

LUNCH MENU – WEEK 3

Harbour Schools Partnership
A guiding light for education

2nd November, 23rd November & 14th December

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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North Molton Amateur Dramatic Society
presents

TREASURE ISLAND

AT
NORTH MOLTON VICTORY HALL

Wednesday 4th November at 7:30
Friday 6th November at 7:30
Saturday 7th November at 2:30 & 7:30

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE DURING THE INTERVAL.

PRIZES FOR THE BEST DRESSED PIRATE

10AM
23rd
Oct

YEAR 7 ASSESSMENT & ACTIVITY DAY 2026

Spend the day discovering life at West Buckland School, take part in our Year 7 assessment activity and enjoy an exciting programme of fun and engaging activities in the afternoon.

WEST BUCKLAND SCHOOL

SIGN UP:

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!

100 YEARS
1926
BIDEFORD R.F.C.

TRY RUGBY TOGETHER!

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.

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NORTH MOLTON PTA

Harvest CREATIONS

THIS HALF TERM, WE'RE INVITING ALL OUR CHILDREN TO GET CREATIVE USING FRUIT, VEGETABLES AND THINGS THEY CAN FIND IN THE GARDEN!

MAYBE IT'S A FUNNY FACE, AN ANIMAL, A PERSON OR SOMETHING COMPLETELY IMAGINATIVE, WE'D LOVE TO SEE WHAT YOU COME UP WITH!

THERE ARE NO WINNERS OR PRIZES, IT'S JUST FOR FUN!



If you'd like to take part, simply take a photo of your creation and email it to the school PTA email address.

We'll share all the entries with the next school newsletter! So get creative, have some fun and see what you can make!

Email your creations to
northmoltonpta@gmail.com
by 1st November 2026

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OCTOBER HALF TERM

GIRLS & BOYS | AGED 5 - 14



TARKA
28 OCTOBER
9AM - 4PM

KINGSLEY
26 & 27 OCTOBER
10AM - 3PM

ILFRACOMBE
28 OCTOBER
10AM - 2PM

DRESS UP
WIN PRIZES & YUMMY TREATS

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THE PENGUIN SPORTS FOUNDATION



INCLUSIVE CHRISTMAS SILENT DISCO!

SAT 12TH DECEMBER 2026

3:30pm to 6pm, Roundswell Community Primary Academy, EX31 3WJ

Whether you dance, sway, sit or freestyle, this dance floor is for you! All are welcome!

Fully accessible for children with a physical disability or SEN/additional needs

** refreshments * activities * Father Christmas * raffle * Breakout Sensory Room* Fully Accessible Changing**

TICKETS

£10 per child up to age of 18
(no charge if 3 years or under)
Parents/carers FREE entry *
For details & tickets scan
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