



# North Molton Primary School

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Friday 11th October 2024



## Message from the Headteacher

Good Afternoon,

What an exciting week! The children have been engaging with science through the medium of Space! I hope you enjoy seeing the photos of the events this week and reading the children's accounts.

We look forward to seeing you at our Harvest Festival on Wednesday at 9:30am at the Methodist Chapel. If you are able to help us walk up to the chapel, please let your child's class teacher know - it would be great to have the help! We are also collecting food for the Northern Devon Food Bank



(South Molton). They are currently experiencing unprecedented demand and are urgently in need of donations of items listed below. Please send these in with your child/ren next week—thank you.

- Tinned vegetables
  - Ham, Spam, Corned beef
  - Long life fruit juice
  - Tinned fruit
  - Sponge puddings
  - Dried Milk
  - Instant Coffee
  - Cooking Sauces
- Here is a link to the website, if you wish to read more about what this charity does: [Donate essential food | Northern Devon Foodbank](#)

## School News

### Harvest Festival

It is our school Harvest Festival on Wednesday 16th October. We would like to invite parents/carers to join us in the Methodist Chapel in North Molton from 9.30am - 10.30am to celebrate Harvest. If you would like to stay after the performance, The Methodist Chapel will be serving tea and coffee.

### Lost Property

We have a number of unnamed school jumpers/cardigans in the office. If you think it could belong to your child, please can you come and claim it and please can we ask that you ensure all of your child's school uniform is clearly labelled. Thank you.

### Gumshields for Falcons

Thank you to those you have already purchased a gumshield for their child in Falcons class for their PE Hockey lessons. If you have still not purchased a gumfield for your child you can do this by using the MCAS app. Details can be found under the 'uniform' tab.



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## Events of the Week

### Crash Landings Workshop

This week the children had great fun working with Jo from Space Detectives. The children worked in groups to design and make a parachute and pod to crash land. The children had to work together to make a lander which contained an egg-stronaut and launched them in the playground to test out the protective materials they used to stop the egg-stronaut breaking!



"I enjoyed watching the videos and saw the robot (Curiosity) taking photos on Mars. I liked it when we dropped the real egg on the floor - I thought it would crack. It only cracked a little bit - it was just injured"  
Rory, Year 2



"I liked finding out about the two robots on Mars and making the Lander. Our egg broke!" Mason, Year 4

"I enjoyed finding out about Mars - if you touch the dust on Mars it will make you bleed because it's sharp. I also liked to see the parachutes to see if the egg cracked or not. Ours cracked and the Egg-stronaut died!"  
Grace, Year 5

"It was fun. We used a cup, cotton wool, bubble wrap and a bag. It was successful and the egg didn't break!"  
Grace B, Year 6



"I enjoyed working as a team to make something. It was exciting when we got to drop our egg outside. We put cushioning around it to protect the egg." Wilf, Year 3





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In Space <sup>week</sup>, the space detective came in and taught us about how the solar system works, what size the planets were in comparison to the Sun and talked to us about how people think the sun came to life. We did an experiment to see who could protect their egg. There was different prices for each object that we can use to help our egg to survive (it was called the eggstronaut).

By Charley.

# SPACE WEEK

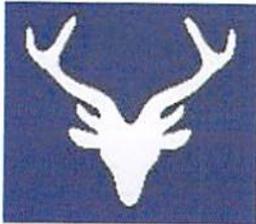


Last week, we had a visit from space detectives. Joe, who was teaching us, showed all of us the positions of all the planets and their moons. We went to the hall and pretended we were something: asteroids, comets, or planets. The planets closer to the sun spin quicker where as the further ones like Venus and Neptune took over 100 years!

Did you know? The sun spins and wobbles a bit due to the strong gravity. Between Mars and Jupiter is the Asteroid Belt which is almost like a huge ring for the sun made out of planet chunks essentially.

This week, we made parachutes. Our objective was to get an 'egg-stonaut' to Mars (the ground). There were five groups of four all working together to make a budgeted parachute. The glide part was made of plastic bags with string holding a cup up. The idea was to drop an egg off the top of a bench and not have it ~~crack~~ crack which was easier said than done. You could use cotton wool, plastic cups and bags, bubblewrap, straws, paper, string and tape. The most expensive one was bubblewrap at £200,000,000 when we only had 700 to spend. This created challenges such as the egg not having enough cushion or not having enough material in general. Three out of five of the eggs survived whilst one broke and the other cracked. All of it was fun! Being in a group making a parachute even if your 'egg-stonaut' didn't make it.





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# SPACE WEEK



Last week on Tuesday So from the national space station came into our school to talk space. We were all gascinated by So's experiment which contituled a small yellow disk and a bowl of water. She showed us how the planets were possibly made as we watched as all the rock, metal and ice drifted away from the sun's orbit when it exploded billions of years ago. We were told about astoroids and nebulars where stars are made. Soon after, we went\* went to the hall where we were shown how fast each of the planets are moving. A variety of children were chosen to be planets and a comik but everyone else was a asteroid in the astoroid belt. Lastly we were handed a long piece of paper which we drew the planets including the sun as its a star. Also, on Wednesday, So helped us make space star. Also, shuttles got an eggstronaut. It was successful landing and I hope she will visit again also I thank Nasa for keeping our world updated about our glorious universe.

by Esther \*





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**Next Session, TUESDAY 15th OCTOBER.....**

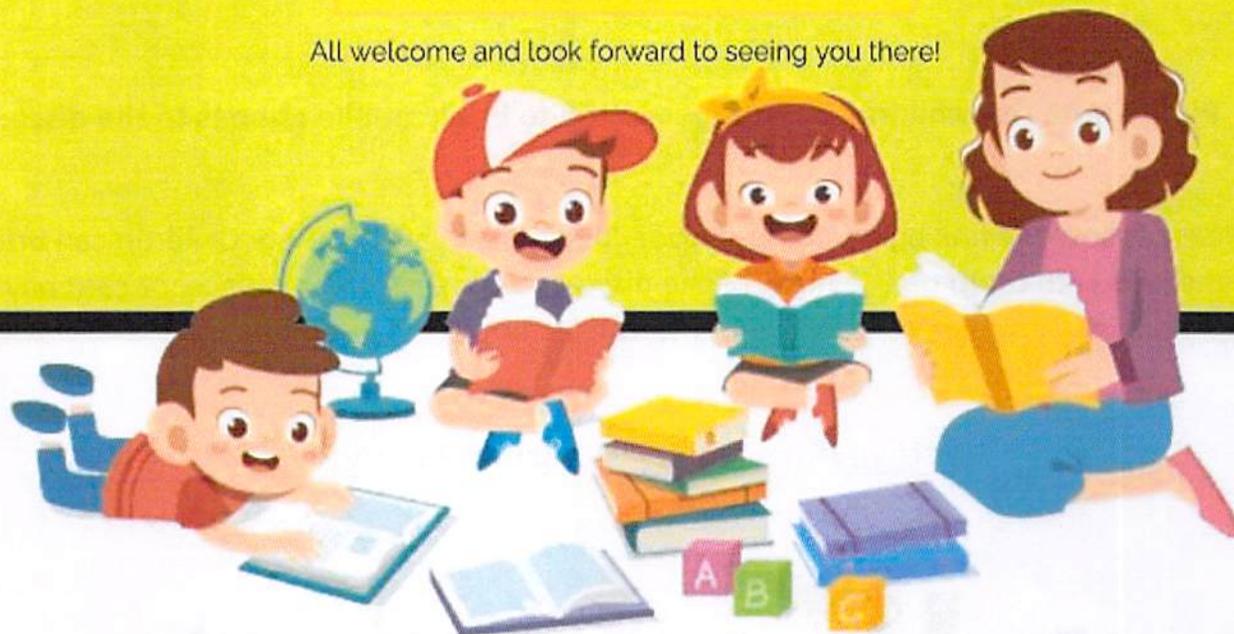
# STORYTIME

Look out for pre-school storytimes starting in September.....

We are going to be holding fortnightly Storytime sessions for pre- school children and their parents with Mrs Wardle.

These will run in the school hall between 2.45pm and 3.15pm on Tuesday afternoons.  
We will share stories, songs and healthy snacks.

All welcome and look forward to seeing you there!



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## PTA Events



The PTA are excited to announce details of this year's Halloween Disco!!

Tickets are £4.00 and include a hot dog and drink. There will also be several prizes for fun games during the disco.



**Thursday 24th October**

Robins, Owls & Kestrels: 4.15pm - 5.15pm

Falcons & Sparrowhawks: 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Fancy dress encouraged.

Please note that children are not permitted to bring mobile phones to the disco.

Please follow the link below to book your child's space at the disco. Children can bring their £4 with them on the night of the disco or we are also able to accept card payments at the door.

<https://forms.gle/ZWfa8rmm9SEnAed29>





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## **Dates for the Diary**

**2024 - 2025**



Date	Event
14, 16, 17 October	Parents Evening Meetings
15 October	Pre - School Story Time with Mrs Wardle, 2.45pm - 3.15pm in the school hall
16 October	Harvest Festival (9.30am - 10.30am)
22 October	Pre - School Story Time with Mrs Wardle, 2.45pm - 3.15pm in the school hall
24 October	PTA Disco KS1 4:15—5:15 and KS2 5:30—6:30
28 Oct - 1 Nov	October Half Term Holiday
4 November	Non Pupil Day
5 December	EY and KS1 Christmas Performance. Afternoon Performance, 2.15pm - 2.45pm Evening Performance, 5.00pm - 6.00pm
12 December	KS2 Christmas Performance . Afternoon Performance, 1.30pm - 3.00pm Evening Performance, 5.00pm - 6.30pm
23 Dec - 3 Jan	Christmas Holidays
6 January	Non Pupil Day
7 January	First Day of Spring Term
10, 12, 13 February	Parents Evening Meetings
17 - 21 February	February Half Term Break
24 February	Non Pupil Day
5 - 7 March	Yr 5/6 Residential Trip to London
6 March	World Book Day
31 March - 2 April	Whole School Art Exhibition
7 - 21 April	Easter Holidays
22 April	First Day of Summer Term
1 - 2 May	Falcons Residential to Pinkery Pond
5 May	Bank Holiday
26 - 30 May	May Half Term Holiday

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## **Dates for the Diary**

**Continued...2024 - 2025**



Bravery

Love Learning

Respect

Endeavour

Kindness

Aspire

Date	Event
26 June	Sports Day
2 - 3 July	Year 6 Transition Days to SMCC
4 July	Reserve Sports Day
7 - 8 July	Reception Parents Evenings
14 July	Non Pupil Day
15 July	Year 6 Leavers Trip TBC
18 July	Whole School Music Celebration
23 July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
23 July	Last Day of Academic Year
24 July	Start of Summer Holidays



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## *News from the Village and Local Community*

### **Little Nippers Baby and Toddler Group:**

Becky Parker is running a Baby and Toddler group in the Methodist Hall on a Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am during term time. This is a free group with tea and coffee alongside activities and toys for the little ones. The poster is on our website in the newsletter section

### **Friday Club:**

At our recent JUNGLAROO visit, we received a number of forms and money for tickets to the Pantomime. After processing forms/money there was a sum of money over. We have contacted the people to confirm we have received their signed forms. If you haven't received a communication to this effect but think you have paid, please contact Rose Courtney so your name can be added to the list.

**N.B.** We have a fb group, 'North Molton Friday Club'. It would be helpful if parents/grandparents of Years 3-6 children, interested in Friday Club, could join for communication purposes, such as above.

**Phonebox Library:** The village has converted the disused telephone box into a community library. It's a lovely library for the children to visit, take a book and recycle the ones they are finished with. The village phone box library has a lovely selection of **children's books** as well.

### **The Saunders Good Samaritans Trust:**

If anyone is struggling and needs any help please contact this local charity that is available to support residents in our local community. For more information please contact Rose Courtney (740382) who lives in the village.

### **Village Events**

**October** - Archival Day, lots of photographs and news clippings going back over 100 years! More details to follow soon.