



North Molton Primary School

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Friday 18th October 2024



Message from the Headteacher

Good Afternoon,

Another busy week in school! It was brilliant to see so many parents and carers at our Harvest Festival on Wednesday where the children presented songs, poems and prayers. Despite the torrential rain, it was a lovely to be in the Chapel for this important festival. Huge thanks to John Buckeridge for sharing a really interesting harvest message and for the Methodist Chapel for hosting our event.



Our assemblies (separate for KS1, KS2 and Early Years) this week have been from the NSPCC 'Speak Out Stay Safe' campaign which included introducing children to the Childline number and website.

I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

School News

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

We still have some shoe boxes available to fill for this year's Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. If you would like to and are able to fill a box you can collect one from the school office. These need to be returned to school by Tuesday 5th November or to the North Molton community shop or Methodist Church by the weekend of 2nd/3rd November.



Nursery Funding for working parents

Are you entitled to funded childcare? The Government introduced funded childcare to working parents in April 2024 for 2 year olds. Working parents already have an entitlements to 30 hours free childcare and education for 3 year olds and since April 2024, 15 hours of childcare has been available to working parents of 2 year old children. In September 2025, working parents will be entitled to 30 hours of free childcare for their children from 9 months until they start school.

You can check if your eligible by visiting the Gov.uk website.

[Apply for free childcare if you're working - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)



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Events of the Week



Sir Molton

We would like to introduce you to Sir Molton. He is proudly in situ at Arlington Court as part of their Scarecrow trail this year. Made by Owls and Kestrels class he is now on display in the walled garden at Arlington Court. You will be able to visit him until the weekend after half term.

Please send us any photos of you with him if you have the chance to visit.

South Molton Carnival

Well done to Miss Cooper for organising a NMPS Nursery team in the South Molton carnival last Saturday. The team looked amazing and it was brilliant to raise the profile of both the school and the nursery.

Thank you Miss Cooper, Mrs Gear, Mrs Bendle, Ms Hunt and Mrs Marchant!





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Events of the Week

Sparrowhawks Class

The children in Sparrowhawks have been learning and writing about the Titanic this week. Here are some examples of their work.

The titanic sank in 1912. Since then, it has been deteriorating, and becoming rustier every day. In 2004, divers visited the decrepid, overgrown ship and found that it was full of sea creatures. It's too devastated to be hauled up, and so it sits there, rusted, gloomy, devoid of human life, never again to see the light of day.

By Izzy G

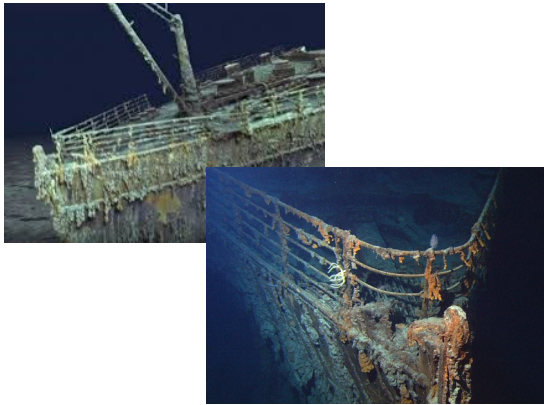
The Titanic sank in 1912 April the 15th. It is slowly decaying away but rusted already. A green slimy coat that has goulded over. To big to move, people came to find it (in 2004) and they did. They found the sad, gloomy wreckage. The many furniture that is slowly floating away.

by Caderce



A colossal ship sunk in 1912 called the Titanic but still lies at the bottom of the Atlantic ocean. Rotten half to death, robot footage has shown dust, crisped metal. But this man made creation will never see day light again or else dust will forme were it lies. Bath tubes misplaced it ones was a life of luxury but now is a ship of horror. People who were less fortunate still lie lifeless no one can do anything.

Grace B



The children re-created what the SOS messages from the sinking ship would have been like.....

We are sinking at 2 metres per second. We are at: Lat 41.46 N Lon 50.41 W. Help. Come quick. We are the Titanic. Mayday, Mayday, SOS, SOS.
By Grissin

Send help STAT we are sinking fast! Send lots of boats over 100 people to save Location Lat 41.46 N Lon 50.15 W! Not much time left. We need lots of life boats SOS Send help ASA P!
by Sianna .H.



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School Celebrations



Freddie, Eden, Teddy and Oliver won First Prize at the South Molton Carnival last weekend!

Well done to you all, you all looked fab!



Sienna came 4th place in her gymnastics competition at Falcons Centre last weekend.

Well done Sienna on your fantastic achievement!



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Next Session, TUESDAY 22nd 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
22 October	Pre - School Story Time with Mrs Wardle, 2.45pm - 3.15pm in the school hall
24 October	PTA Disco KS1 4:15pm - 5:15pm and KS2 5:30pm - 6:30pm
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



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:

The next Friday club session is **TONIGHT**, Friday 18th October for an evening of a variety of activities celebrating the beginning of 'Exmoor Stargazing'. Tonight, weather permitting, will include being outside looking at the sky so please dress warm and waterproofed.

A reminder that Pantomime forms and money need to be returned by the end of this month.

Also, sent to you earlier this term, with programme and letter was a Community questionnaire, part of which was relevant to Friday Club. We would love to receive your response to this.

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.

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.