



# North Molton Primary School

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Friday 25th October 2024



## Message from the Headteacher

Good Afternoon,

*The half term has finished off with a brilliant Halloween disco, organised by our wonderful PTA. The children had a marvellous time showing their dance moves and enjoyed hot dogs and fun with their friends. All the children showed fantastic behaviour and excellent manners! I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents organised the PA equipment, food, music, prizes and provided such a great way for our children to have fun.*

*I hope you all have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5th November (don't forget the non pupil day on Monday 4th November!).*

## School News

### **Secondary School Applications for YEAR 6 Children**

There is just over a week left to make your application for your child's secondary school place for next September. Please make this application via the Devon County Council portal following the link below.

[www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)

The deadline is **THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER 2024**. Any applications made after this date will be classed as late and your application may not be considered in the first round of allocations.

If you have any problems or require a paper copy, then please do contact us in the school office.

### **Applying for a Primary School Place for September 2025 Starters**

Applications for starting primary school in September 2025 open on 15 November 2024 and close on 15 January 2025. The date that all allocations of school places are announced in England is known as **'Offer day'**. For September 2025 primary school starters this will be on **16 April 2025**.

The link below will take you to the Devon County Council Apply for a Primary Place website.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/>

### **REMINDER - Christmas Shoe Box Appeal**



Can we please remind you that all filled shoe boxes for the Christmas Appeal must 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.



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## Events of the Week



### Modern Foreign Languages

On Tuesday afternoon all of the school engaged in MFL - (Modern Foreign Languages) sessions. After a whole school assembly, each class was given a series of questions to research and answer. At the end of the afternoon we joined together to share our learning. We will be holding another MFL afternoon in the New Year and the children have been invited to share areas that they would like to further explore.

**"French and English is spoken in Canada. Both countries discovered Canada and took their languages with them." Falcons**



**"There are over 200 languages spoken in Europe!" Winter**

**"Welsh is spoken in Wales."**  
Harmony

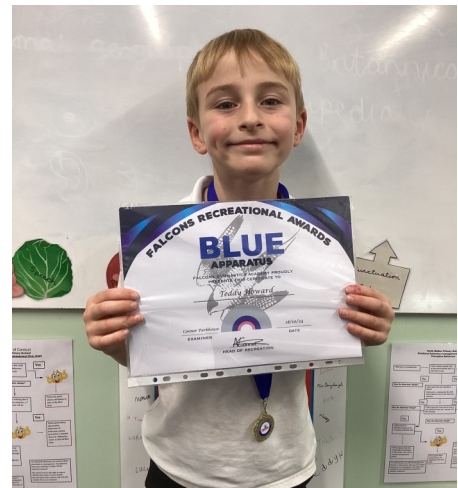
**"I didn't know that languages can become extinct. I am going to find out the last language that became extinct." Esther**

## School Celebrations

Teddy won a 'Blue' Apparatus gymnastics award at the Falcons Gymnastics Club last week.

What a great achievement.

Well done Teddy!





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## School Celebrations



We are always very interested and encouraging of the out of school activities that our children are involved in and we were delighted when three of our Kestrels brought in the medals that they had won at their gymnastics competition.

Congratulations to Lexi, Lottie and Annabelle.

Nancy and Charley played in a hockey festival last weekend at Blundells School, Tiverton. They were representing North Devon Hockey Club and played 6 matches against other U10 teams from across Devon.

Well done Girls!



We all had an enormous surprise when another Kestrel, Edward brought in the Blue Peter badge that he was recently awarded for making a cake on his own. He followed a recipe from the Primary Times magazine and submitted photos to Blue Peter.

What an achievement!



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# PTA News

***Free cake morning!***

**Alternatively known as PTA Open morning!**

Please come along and join the PTA for tea, coffee, cake and biscuits straight after school drop off on **Friday 15th November**.

Come and meet the current members of the PTA and find out how we have been spending money on your children over the past year and what we have planned for this term and the rest of the year.



We would love some more help with planning our events and fundraisers so please come and meet the friendly PTA.



Even if you are not able to help at any of our events, we would love to meet you. Come and grab a cup of tea and piece of cake or two and meet up with other parents.



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## Dates for the Diary

2024 - 2025



Date	Event
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
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
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 Friday 8th November for an evening of various activities at the Sports Hall, 7.9pm.

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 News**

#### **PANTOMIME - BEAUTY AND THE BEAST @ THE QUEEN'S THEATRE, B'PLE - FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER**

If anyone would like an evening at the Panto, there will be a coach leaving N.M. Square at 5.45 pm. The cost for the coach and panto' is £17pp. Please contact Rose Courtney, for more details/to book on 07944 243866 by Thursday 31st October at the latest.

**(Reminder to Friday Club members and adults to return their forms with money by above date.)**

### **Village Events**

Tuesday 5th November - 6.30pm. Bonfire and firework display behind the Methodist Church. All Welcome £3.50 per person, under 5's free. Refreshments for sale.

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