



North Molton Primary School

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Friday 15th November 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Good Afternoon,

This is a wonderful time of year, when the evening draw in and lights twinkle in the darkness. At school all classes have started to rehearse for their Christmas productions and it is really wonderful to hear songs and dialogue as children get underway with producing some outstanding entertainment. There are more details about the Christmas performances on the next page.

Today is my last day at North Molton Primary as I take up a secondment at Bratton Fleming. I feel enormously privileged to have spent time with the very wonderful children at North Molton and to have got to know so many families. Thank you also for all the kind words and good wishes. The plan is to be back in September 2025 so I won't say goodbye but au revoir!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

School News

Menu Change

There will be a slight menu change on **TUESDAY 19th NOVEMBER**. The options will be either a ham or cheese wrap with potato wedges and salad. This is due to South Molton Primary School having a new oven fitted in their kitchen, therefore there will still be no jacket potatoes for the beginning of next week.

Applying for a Primary School Place for September 2025 Starters

Applications for starting primary school in September 2025 open **TODAY, 15 November 2024** and close on 15 January 2025, this is for children born between 01 September 2020 and 31 August 2021. 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/>

2025/2026 Term Dates

We have recently added the 2025/2026 term dates to our school website. You will be able to view them by clicking in the link below.

[North Molton Primary School - Term Dates](#)



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Christmas Performances

It is that very exciting time of year again! The sound of songs are echoing in the corridor and children are chatting about their parts in the school play!

Our Christmas performances this year are;

KS1 Children, Reception & Nursery - A Midwife's Crisis

Thursday 5th December

Afternoon performance 2.15pm - 2.45pm (doors open at 2.00pm)

Evening performance 5.00pm - 6.00pm (doors open at 4.45pm)

****NURSERY CHILDREN**** - Our oldest nursery children (those that start school in September 2024), can participate in the Thursday afternoon performance and the dress rehearsal which will be on the afternoon of Wednesday 4th December. If they are not in Nursery on these days and would like to take part, please bring them to school at 1.45pm

KS2 Children - Cinderella Rockafella

Thursday 12th December

Afternoon performance 1.30pm - 3.00pm (doors open at 1.15pm)

Evening performance 5.00pm - 6.30pm (doors open at 4.45pm)

For both performances, everyone with tickets will be welcome at the afternoon performances, including small children and babies. The evening performance will be for adults and school aged children only (no pre-school children or babies please). This is to allow our children to perform at their very best with a fully appreciative audience.

****Tickets**** - Physical tickets will not be sent out this year. Instead we will be using an online booking form to allocate tickets. This will be getting sent by email very soon.





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Events of the Week



Falcons

This week, as part of their art lesson, Falcons class sketched fossils and made their very own 3D representations using clay.





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School Celebrations



Ava attended the Remembrance Service in South Molton Pannier Market at the weekend. She was selected to be the flag bearer for Beaver Scouts.

Well done Ava, what a fantastic honour to be given!

Imogen passed her level 1 climbing this week at Rock and Rapid.

A super achievement!

Well done Imogen!





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School Clubs

Below is a summary of clubs for next week. All clubs must be booked in advance.

Please note Mrs Shaw's Football club has now finished for this term. Dance club starts on Wednesday 20th November with Mrs Shaw and will run for 5 weeks. There are still some spaces available if your child would like to attend. You can sign them up on the MCAS app.

Day	Morning	Afterschool
Monday 18th November	Breakfast Club from 8am	
Tuesday 19th November	Breakfast Club from 8am	
Wednesday 20th November	Breakfast Club from 8am	Dance Club with Mrs Shaw 3.15pm - 4.15pm, Yr 4, 5 & 6
Thursday 21st November	Breakfast Club from 8am	Tag Rugby Club with Mr Joslin 3.15pm - 4.15pm, Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6
Friday 22nd November	Breakfast Club from 8am	

Admissions policy for 2026-27: Annual Consultation

Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2026-27. The Local Authority is also consulting on its admission arrangements. You are invited to look at the proposal new policies which are based on policies for this year and next year and to have your say on them.

Our proposed policy is on our admission page of our school website and you can see all policies at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy> Further information is here: www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

The consultation runs until 10 January 2025. Policies will be determined by the end of February and published in the same places by 15 March next year. You can comment at schoolsadmission-policy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk or by emailing the school.



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Next Session, TUESDAY 26th November.....

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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****NEW** MCC Foundation Hubs for Girls in East and North Devon**

FREE coaching programme for girls at your nearest Hub. This programme will support the growth of Girls cricket in the East and North Devon area.

MCC Foundation Hubs

What is it? A 10-week winter coaching programme with summer match opportunities

Who is it for? State school Girls in School Years 6 - 10 who are not in the Devon Youth Development or County Age Group pathways

More information can be found at <https://www.devoncricket.co.uk/mcc-foundation-hubs-2025>

East Devon GIRLS ONLY Hub Information

Taster Session: Monday 16 December 2024, 4:30 PM - 6 PM at St Luke's Church of England School, Hart's Ln, Exeter EX1 3RD

Weekly Sessions: Mondays 4:30 PM - 6 PM, 13 January - 10 February and 24 February - 24 March 2025 at St Luke's Church of England School, Hart's Ln, Exeter EX1 3RD

Cost: FREE

North Devon GIRLS ONLY Hub Information

Taster Session: Thursday 5 December 2024, 5:30 PM - 7 PM at The Park Community School, Barnstaple EX32 9AX

Weekly Sessions: Wednesdays 7 PM - 8:30 PM, 8 January - 5 February and 5 March - 2 April 2025 at Pilton Community College, Chaddiford Ln, Barnstaple EX31 1RB

Cost: FREE

Parents can complete the expression of interest form here - <https://app.upshot.org.uk/signup/ba7c7851/> - or scan the QR Code on the attached Poster.

Hub Managers will then be in touch later in November with more information about the Taster session.



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Dates for the Diary

2024 - 2025



Date	Event
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
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:

Friday Club meets **TONIGHT**, Friday 15th November;
2.15pm - (Methodist Hall) AGM: All parents welcome with an opportunity to discuss any ideas, queries etc.
7-9pm - Craft evening making something personalised to wear at the film evening. Also preparing gifts/ cards for the people attending our Annual Community Tea with Film.

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.