



North Molton Primary School

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Friday 22nd November 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Good afternoon,

This week has brought some wintry weather and our preparations for the festive season have continued. The stage has been set up this morning and the children are busy rehearsing their parts in the productions 'Cinderella and Rockerfella' and 'A Midwife Crisis.' Please complete the online form sent home to allocate tickets for each performance.

This morning during assembly, I talked to the children about Respect, one of our school values. We thought about the importance of self-respect, looking after ourselves and being proud of our talents.

This week in school we have also welcomed Mr Pennington who enjoyed meeting all the children in their classes and some parents too.

I look forward to working together with Mr Pennington and the staff this term to support the school during this period of transition. We have a fabulous team at school and fantastic children who we are all very proud of.

We look forward to sharing our Christmas events with you towards the end of term.

Mrs Julie Hawkins (Acting Headteacher)

School News

****TICKETS**** for Christmas Performances

This year, there will be no physical tickets for our Christmas performances. Instead we are asking you to complete an online google form to let us know the names of anyone who wishes to attend any of the Christmas performances. We have previously emailed this out to everyone. If you are still to complete the online form, the link you need to use can be found below. Please note there are 3 tickets allocated to each family per performance.

KS2 Cinderella Rockerfella - <https://forms.gle/v3oi9bqhkNuByrJA9>

KS1 A Midwife Crisis - <https://forms.gle/onPnbb3XxXVoeepZA>

School lunch menu

We have been informed by South Molton Primary School, who are currently cooking our school lunches for us, that there will be jacket potatoes back on the menu on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This will commence next week, week beginning Monday 25th November.

****Dates for the Diary****

We have added some dates to the diary page on the newsletter. You will see these highlighted in red.



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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 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 2025), 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 Rockerfella

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 on the ticket list 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.





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★ Christmas Community Performances ★

North Molton Primary School Presents:

A Midwife CRISIS
by Gaynor Bobbly & Rebecca Kincall

Please join us for our community performance of A Midwife Crisis at **2pm** on **Wednesday 4th December**
Please let the school office know if you are able to attend 01598 740343 or admin@nmps.tarkatrust.org.uk

Cinderella & Rockerfella
A book with music by Nick & John Johnson
Songs by the songwriters

Please join us for our community performance of Cinderella & Rockerfella from 1:45pm on **Wednesday 11th December 2024**

Everyone is welcome!
Refreshments will be available
Please let the school office know you are able to attend:
01598 740343 or admin@nmps.tarkatrust.org.uk

If you are able to or know anyone who would like to attend either of our community Christmas performances, please let us know so we can add their names to the attendees list.

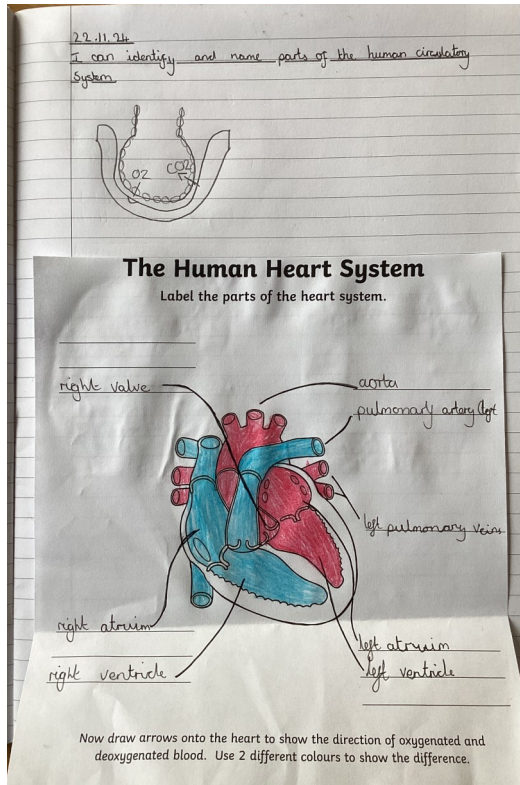
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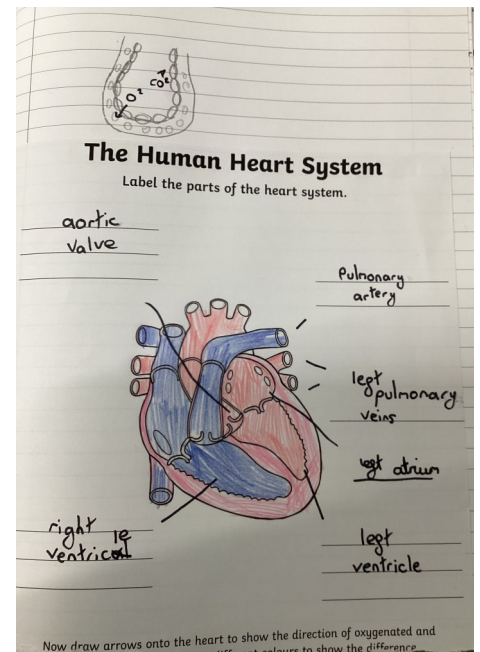
Events of the Week



Sparrowhawks

This week Sparrowhawks class have been learning about the circulatory system.

Here is some examples of their work.



Falcons

As part of Falcons PE lesson this week, they did some gymnastics, exploring how they could travel moving either 2, 3 or 4 body parts.





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School Clubs

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

Day	Morning	Afterschool
Monday 25th November	Breakfast Club from 8am	
Tuesday 26th November	Breakfast Club from 8am	
Wednesday 27th November	Breakfast Club from 8am	Dance Club with Mrs Shaw 3.15pm - 4.15pm, Yr 4, 5 & 6
Thursday 28th November	Breakfast Club from 8am	Tag Rugby Club with Mr Joslin 3.15pm - 4.15pm, Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6
Friday 29th 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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Please note the next planned session, which was Tuesday 26th November, has been CANCELLED and there will be no more sessions for the remainder of this term.

Apologies for any inconvenience this way cause

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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Dates for the Diary

2024 - 2025



Date	Event
4 December	Community Performance of A Midwife Crisis, 1.45pm - 2.15pm
5 December	EY and KS1 Christmas Performance. Afternoon Performance, 2.15pm - 2.45pm Evening Performance, 5.00pm - 6.00pm
11 December	Community Performance of Cinderella Rockerfella 2.00pm - 2.45pm
12 December	KS2 Christmas Performance . Afternoon Performance, 1.30pm - 3.00pm Evening Performance, 5.00pm - 6.30pm
13 December	PTA Christmas Grotto - Elfridges
18 December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
20 December	Christingle Service at Church for Reception - Year 6 children
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



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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 again on **FRIDAY 6th December** for a Christmas film night with 'refreshments'.

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.

North Molton Advent Windows.

This year the Parish Church are organising a new Advent display in windows around the village every day until Christmas Day! Look out for them around North Molton and, if you live in the village, why not do one yourself? Decorate one of your windows for everyone to enjoy. You can choose any theme that you might normally find behind a door on an advent calendar - religious or not, it doesn't matter. Just sign up and we'll assign you a day in Advent to do.

To find out more visit the Church Facebook page: search All Saints, North Molton and find the Advent Windows event on our page.