



North Molton Primary School

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Friday 29th November 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Good afternoon,

Next week is our Assessment week for children in Years 2 – 6. The children will be under-taking assessments in the core areas of Reading, Writing and Maths. Termly tracking of pupil progress takes place in all schools within our Trust and helps to build both a school and Trust-wide perspective of areas which require further development. Your support in helping to ensure that your child is ready for school each morning will be much appreciated and will mean that your child can perform at their best next week.

We also look forward to welcoming parents of Nursery, Reception and Key stage One into school, as well as members of our Community, to watch the children perform 'A Midlife Crisis.' A nativity is such a special experience at this time of year and we hope that you enjoy watching your child shine.

Mrs Julie Hawkins (Acting Head Teacher)

School News

****TICKETS**** for Christmas Performances - FINAL REMINDER

All tickets must be booked by the end of today, **FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER** for this years Christmas performances. 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 & EY A Midwife Crisis - <https://forms.gle/onPnbb3XxXVoePZA>

****REMINDER**** Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 18th December

We would like to remind you that it is Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day on Wednesday 18th December this year. Can we please ask that you complete the following form with your child's lunch choice so we can let the kitchen know for ordering purposes. Please complete one form per child and submit your response by the end of today, **FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2024**.

The link you need to use can be found below and the Christmas lunch menu is attached for your reference.

<https://forms.gle/wm4fnjkePZU9Z3MX8>

Snacks for Breaktime

Can we please ask that you ensure the snacks that you provide from home for your child's breaktime are of the fruit/vegetable variety and filling and nutritious (no chocolate, cake, pastries, sausage rolls etc). Children in Reception and KS1 do get provided with a healthy fruit snack at breaktime but they can bring in their own snack if they would prefer, as long as it still meets the requirements. Thank you for your support with this matter.



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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.



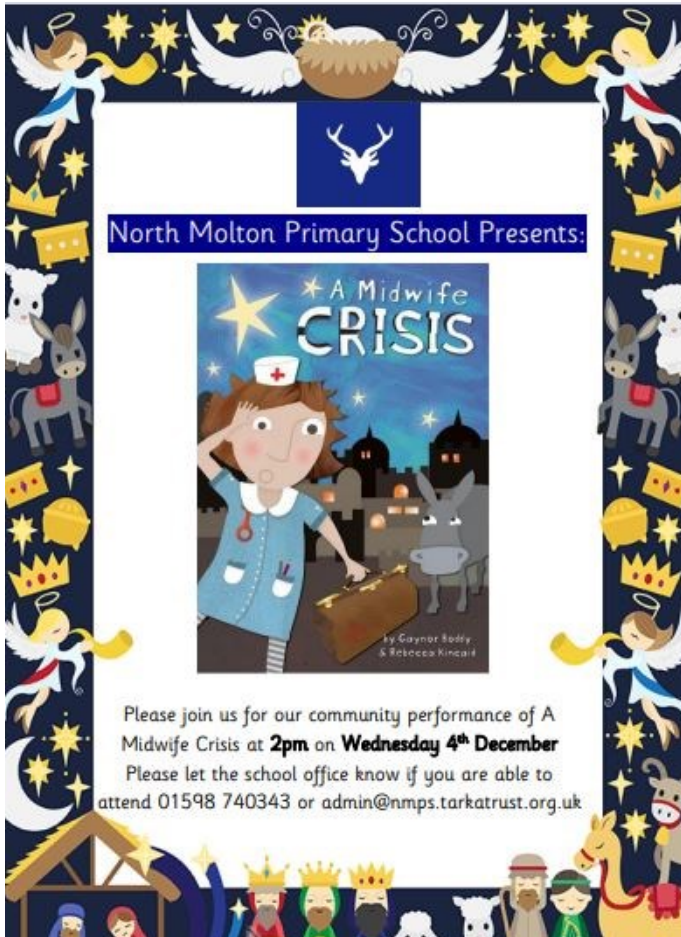


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★ Christmas Community Performances ★



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.

Call - 01598 740343

or

email - admin@nmps.tarkatrust.org.uk



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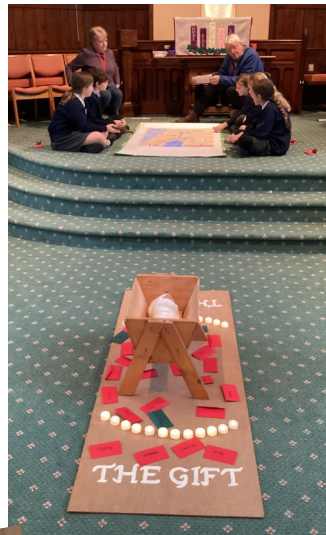


Events of the Week

Owls & Kestrels, A jolly pirate jig!

This half term Owls & Kestrels have been working on expression and story-telling as part of their dance lessons. On Wednesday parents were invited to a special dance performance where pupils were able to showcase their pirate themed dances. Working in small pirate crews they combined taught content with their own choreography to create swashbuckling dances. The audience were transported to a pirate ship as the crew scrubbed the deck, looked out for other pirate ships, had a sword fight, found buried treasure and were even visited by a parrot.

Well done me hearties!



Experience Christmas

Today the Falcons and Sparrowhawks went to the Methodist church for an Experience Christmas event. There were five different activities for the children to undertake regarding the Christmas story, religious traditions and preparations for Christmas celebrations. The children were able to reflect on the meaning of Christmas. The volunteers all commented on how respectful the children were and we were very proud of them.

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We would like to extend our thanks to the volunteers for making this event so special for the children.





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St Mary Magdalene Church South Molton Christmas Tree Festival

The children have enjoyed making decorations for our school Christmas tree which is now in position for the South Molton Christmas Tree Festival.

Running from Thursday 28th November - Monday 2nd December in the Parish church you can go and enjoy a church full of illuminated Christmas trees.

Adults £2.50, Under 16 Free.

School Celebrations

Congratulations to Maisielynn who won an award at Gymnastics this week.

Well done Maisielynn!





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PTA Events



Christmas Hamper Raffle

Our PTA elves will be out and about selling raffle tickets for our Christmas hamper which will be raffled at the end of the evening KS2 performance.

We would be extremely grateful for any donations towards our Christmas hamper raffle.

We'd be happy for anything festive but if you're struggling for ideas, the following always go down well: wine, bubbly, chocolates, cheese, chutney, Xmas Pudding, mince pies, savoury crackers, nuts, decorations, soft drinks, Stollen.

**NORTH MOLTON PTA
ELFRIDGES
CHRISTMAS SHOP**

A CHANCE FOR ALL CHILDREN RECEPTION
TO YEAR 6 TO CHOOSE A PRESENT FOR
SOMEONE SPECIAL

13TH DECEMBER 2024

ALL CHILDREN WILL BE GIVEN A TOKEN TO
SPEND AT THE GROTTO

PRESENTS WILL BE VALUED BETWEEN £5-7
VOLUNTARY DONATION WELCOMED EITHER
VIA CASH OR CARD PAYMENT ON THE DAY



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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 2nd December	Breakfast Club from 8am	
Tuesday 3rd December	Breakfast Club from 8am	
Wednesday 4th December	Breakfast Club from 8am	Dance Club with Mrs Shaw 3.15pm - 4.15pm, Yr 4, 5 & 6
Thursday 5th December	Breakfast Club from 8am	Tag Rugby Club with Mr Joslin 3.15pm - 4.15pm, Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6
Friday 6th December	Breakfast Club from 8am	

**** REMINDER ****

There will be NO tag rugby afterschool club on THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER due to the KS2 Christmas Performance.



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Please note there will be no more sessions for the remainder of this half 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 & KS1 Christmas Performance. Afternoon, 2.15pm - 2.45pm, Evening, 5pm - 6pm
11 December	Community Performance of Cinderella Rockerfella 2.00pm - 2.45pm
12 December	KS2 Christmas Performance. Afternoon 1.30pm - 3.00pm, Evening 5pm - 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
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 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.