



North Molton Primary School

'Love learning, learn well'

Friday 14th February 2025



Message from the Headteacher

Good afternoon,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the warm welcome I have received during my first half term as Acting Headteacher. It has been a joy to lead such a wonderful school in the heart of this great community and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you and your children.

Children, this half term has been really challenging for me with lots of new learning and I have found myself in the learning pit on many occasions!

I look forward to all of us having a well-deserved rest next week and returning with enthusiasm on Tuesday, 25th February.

Thank you once again for your support. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Kind regards,

Mr Pennington

(Acting Headteacher)

School News

Non Pupil Day

We would like to remind you that it is non pupil day on Monday 24th February, therefore we will look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 25th.

CD Player

Does anyone have a CD player that they no longer use? If you or anyone you know may have one and would be willing to donate it to school it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Outstanding Balances

Can we please ask that all outstanding balances for lunches, nursery fees, breakfast club fees etc are paid in full before we return for the second half of this term. All outstanding balances can be viewed on the MCAS app.



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Events of the week



Falcons

This week Falcons went to visit the River Mole for our second water sampling session. We measured the levels of nitrates, phosphates and pH levels in the water and conducted a survey of the surrounding area and invertebrates that live in and beside the river.





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Kestrels and Owls

As part of their topic 'Come Fly With Me', Owls and Kestrels have been learning about the Arctic Circle.

On Monday, they packed their bags with everything intrepid explorers could possibly need and headed on a journey which took them to the North Pole.

They experienced for themselves how harsh life can be in a Polar environment.





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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 24th February	NON PUPIL DAY	
Tuesday 25th February	Breakfast Club from 8am	Maths Club with Mrs Hawkins 3.15pm - 4.15pm YEAR 6 ONLY
Wednesday 26th February	Breakfast Club from 8am	Gymnastics Club with Mrs Shaw 3.15pm - 4.15pm Year 3 - 6 Science Club with Mrs Turney 3.15pm - 4.15pm Year 2 - 6
Thursday 27th February	Breakfast Club from 8am	Invasion Games Club with Mr Joslin 3.15pm - 4.15pm Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
Friday 28th February	Breakfast Club from 8am	

PTA News

Thanks to everyone who supported our recent PTA race night.

It was a wonderful, fun evening and we raised over £700, thanks everyone.

Well done to our racer sponsors, whose animals one their individual races.

Sylvie Ferguson, Esther Kingdon, Archie Muir, Harley Sexon, George Muir, Emerson Noble, Rory Hutchings and Lottie Warren.

If you haven't collected your winners chocolates yet, you can pick them up from the school office.

We have recently purchased some additional school coats and hats to top up the stock for residential visits. Sparrowhawks class will be putting these to good use during their upcoming London residential to ensure they are easy to spot walking round our Capital City.

Watch out for news of our next Bingo night coming soon!



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Dates for the Diary

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Date	Event
17 - 21 February	February Half Term Break
24 February	Non Pupil Day
25 - 27 February	Scholastic Book Fair
5 - 7 March	Yr 5/6 Residential Trip to London
5 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 Rottenbury 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 will be, **TONIGHT**, Friday 14th February, 6-8pm. Meeting at South Molton Town hall at 6pm and collection from the Methodist Church at the top of Duke Street at 8pm.

The first part of the evening will be spent at the Town Hall where we will be shown around the Assembly rooms and adjoining rooms by the Town Clerk and one of the Councillors who will explain what the various rooms are used for, including where the present Town Council meet, formerly the Town's Court room!

From there, we will make our way to the Methodist Church Hall for refreshments and, time allowing games/activities.

For any queries regarding Friday club, please contact Rosemarie Courtney (07944 243866).

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.