



# North Molton Primary School

*'Love learning, learn well'*

Friday 21st March 2025

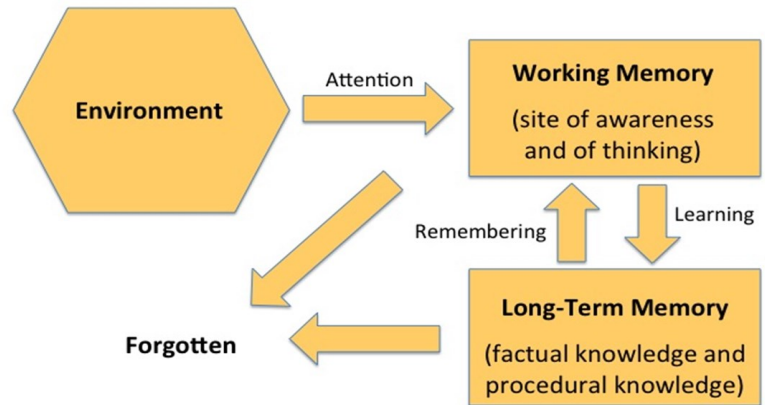


## Message from the Headteacher

Good afternoon,

This week we have been learning more about the process of learning. Please ask your child to tell you as much about this picture as they can. To do that, they will have to pull the learning we have been doing from their long term memory into their working memory to be able to talk about it!

We have learned this model together to help teach the children what is happening in their brain when they learn.



Firstly, they have to pay attention using their senses to what is around them. We have learned eyes watching, ears listening, brain thinking as a phrase to help us pay attention and get information into our working memory. Children know their working memory is very small and can only hold a small amount of information for a short time. They also know they can use their "brain voice" to repeat things in their working memory or visualise them by creating an image.

They also know that to make a learning connection they need to connect the new learning to something they already know. This is where we have to pull things from our long term memory back into our working memory and then attach our new learning onto it. We call this process "hooking back".

This week we had a visit from the trust where all classes were visited. They really noticed the positive learning behaviours of the children and one child told them that they needed to pay attention or else the learning wouldn't go into his working memory!

For me, this is a great example of the importance of teaching children **HOW** we learn as well as **WHAT** we learn.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Pennington

(Acting Head Teacher)

## School News

### School Uniform

We have lots of second hand school uniform, cardigans, jumpers, trousers, pinafores etc which have been donated. For a small donation, you can collect any items you may need from the school office.

### **\*\*REMINDER\*\* - Falcons Pinkery Residential Parent Meeting**

We would like to remind you that Mrs Turney will be holding a meeting for parents/carers of children in Falcons class who are going on the Pinkery Residential trip in May. The meeting will be held in Falcons classroom at 3.15pm - 3.45pm.



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***We would like to invite you to our School Art Exhibition...***



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**ART**


**Exhibition**

**Tuesday 1st, Wednesday 2nd  
and Thursday 3rd April 2025**

**Please come and join us for  
our annual art exhibition!**

**3:10-3:45pm**

*You are invited to view the  
children's annual art exhibition in  
the school hall. We look forward  
to seeing you.*





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## Events of the Week

### Owls and Kestrels

This half term Owls and Kestrels have been learning about Judaism. We have been looking at things that are important to Jewish people and learning about Shabbat – during this time Jewish people have special food with their families and one of these foods is a type of bread called Challah. On Friday last week we had a go at kneading and shaping Challah bread, of which the children were very successful! They looked and tasted wonderful!





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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 March	Breakfast Club from 8am	
Tuesday 25th March	Breakfast Club from 8am	Maths Club with Mrs Hawkins 3.15pm - 4.15pm <b>Year 6 ONLY</b>
Wednesday 26th March	Breakfast Club from 8am	Gymnastics Club with Mrs Shaw 3.15pm - 4.15pm Year 3 - 6
Thursday 27th March	Breakfast Club from 8am	Invasion Games Club with Mr Joslin 3.15pm - 4.15pm Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
Friday 28th March	Breakfast Club from 8am	



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

### **2025**



Date	Event
26 March	Parents/Carers Meeting for Falcons Pinkery Residential Trip
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, **Friday 28th March**, for a variety of activities with a 'Mother's Day' theme.

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.