



North Molton Primary School

'Love learning, learn well'

Friday 28th March 2025



Message from the Headteacher

Good afternoon,

Why is attendance so important?

This week in assembly, we discussed why attendance is so important to learning. Children understand that to make a learning connection they need to pull something from their long-term memory, attach new learning to it in their working memory before filing it back in their long-term memory. If children repeatedly don't attend school, they have less learning stored in their long-term memory which then becomes harder to attach new learning to. This is how gaps in learning can become created and become bigger overtime.

Recent research shows a significant impact on outcomes for children with an attendance between 90%-95% compared with pupils with a 95%-100%. The research suggests you are nearly twice as likely to achieve the expected standards in Yr 6 with an attendance of over 95% in comparison with pupils' attendance below 95%.

The research goes on to correlate the longer impact of then not getting 5 GCSE's and even future life earnings are directly linked to attendance. We discussed this with our older pupils and I challenged them to raise our attendance in the last two weeks of term.

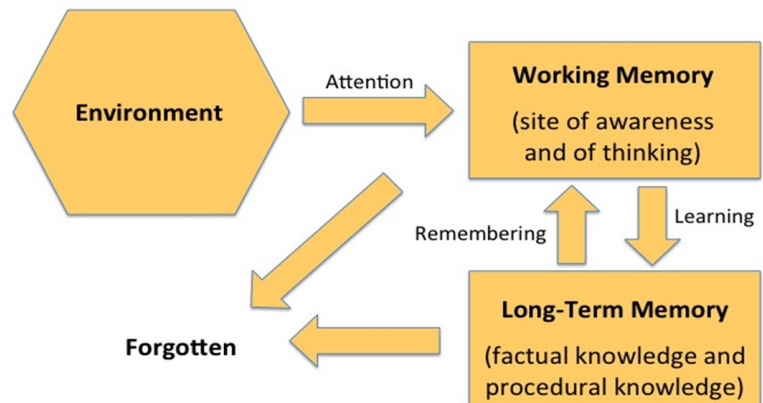
*Halfway through this term, our school attendance was **92.9%** which is well below the target of **95%**.*

Attendance of below 90% is deemed as persistent absence. *If your child has an attendance below 90%, I will contact you after Easter to alert you to this and explore how we can support you as a school to ensure attendance improves. This is crucial as we know the impact of attendance on pupil outcomes.*

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Pennington

(Acting Head Teacher)





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****Next Week****

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





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Events of the Week



Owls and Kestrels

Owls and Kestrels took advantage of the warm weather to take their maths learning outside. Working collaboratively they were tasked to combine centimeters and meters to accurately measure each other, the fence and the play equipment and to then record their findings. They used the language of 'shorter' and 'longer' to discuss and compare their findings.





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School Clubs

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

****REMINDER** There is NO Gymnastics Club this week**

| Day | Morning | Afterschool |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Monday 31st March | Breakfast Club from 8am | |
| Tuesday 1st April | Breakfast Club from 8am | Maths Club with Mrs Hawkins 3.15pm - 4.15pm Year 6 ONLY |
| Wednesday 2nd April | Breakfast Club from 8am | |
| Thursday 3rd April | Breakfast Club from 8am | Invasion Games Club with Mr Joslin 3.15pm - 4.15pm Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 |
| Friday 4th April | Breakfast Club from 8am | |

**WE RAISED
a TOTAL OF**

£92.26

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We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who took part in the Asda Cashpot for Schools scheme.

We raised a fantastic £92.26 for our school!

THANK YOU!!



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Dates for the Diary

2025



| Date | Event |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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 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.