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Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

*Learning together - enjoying success - aiming high - celebrating difference –
enriching community*

Weekly Newsletter – 1st October 2025

'Leaders ensure that all pupils receive the help they need to be ready to learn.'

OFSTED March 2023

Chair of Governors: Robert Doets

This week at Haytor View...

It has been a busy and exciting week here at Haytor View! We are delighted to share the news of our new Head Teacher, **Mrs Claire Hepher**. During her interview, Claire demonstrated values and an ethos that truly reflect the Haytor View way, and she is eager to get to know our children, families, and wider community. Please do take the opportunity to say hello if you see her around school.

This week also marks another milestone as we officially join the **Connect Academy Trust**. Stuart Bellworthy, CEO, will be writing to our community in due course to share more about what this means for Haytor View. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

As always, thank you for your continued support—we are proud of the strong partnerships we share with our families and community.

National Poetry Day

National Poetry Day is an annual celebration of poetry held on the first Thursday of October, founded by the Forward Arts Foundation in 1994 to encourage people to enjoy, discover, and share poetry. Each year, the event has a different theme, with "play" being the theme for 2025, which falls on Thursday, October 2nd.



The children will be engaging in poetry activities throughout the day, in their classes. We would love to hear about your favourite poems or ones you share with your children.

YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL

Year 5 had an absolutely incredible residential to Dewerstone Cottage last week. We were grateful that the weather was kind- this enabled us to have the best experience. On our arrival, we enjoyed meeting some of the instructors and walking up to the cottage- we were fascinated by what looked like a gated off cave! After some lunch and sorting the bedrooms out we threw ourselves into tree climbing, making flag poles and river scrambling. Apparently, due to all the rain, the water was deeper than usual...this meant even better sliding and splashing about! On the second day, we worked hard in small teams to complete the adventure challenge. What stood out to the HTV adults and Young Spirit Instructors were the amount of children who were brave and had a go at something, even if they weren't sure they'd like it! So many of our class pushed themselves to the max and had the best time because of it. We are all so proud of you Year 5, well done!



However, there are some children who deserve a special mention...

Alfie Steer who was singled out by staff and all instructors as being such a supportive team player and leader in almost every task. **His skills and care really shone across both days.**



Scarlet Dart who overcame all her personal concerns and worries about engaging in the tasks and by the second day was throwing herself into EVERY challenge with such confidence.

Charlie Thompson who did not want to get wet but at the end of day two was stood in the river over his waist splashing around with his peers.

Aria Cockman who helped **EVERYBODY** she could across both days. She walked back down the stream on day two to collect and encourage Scarlet who had slipped and held the hands of other children who needed reassurance. She demonstrated such deep care of others.



Recycling Awareness at Haytor View

Last academic year, our School Councillors dedicated their time to raising awareness of recycling within our school community.

They created posters and campaigns to encourage everyone to take small steps that make a big difference. Yesterday, their efforts were recognised when a cage tipper vehicle visited the school, highlighting the important role we can all play in caring for our environment. We are proud of our children for contributing to such a meaningful cause and strengthening links between school and community.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS – 'EVERY CHILD HAS COMFORT WITH WHO THEY ARE'

This week we are encouraging children to celebrate the way in which they engage with the school's Core Offer, particularly how they are connecting with those around them as part of our focus upon **'New Beginnings'**. Children are currently spending time thinking about and developing an understanding of their place within their class, their school and the global community. This week's KS2 Assembly focus was: **What does it take to truly belong? And what parts of ourselves do we feel we need to hide in order to fit in?** As always, the children shared fantastic and inspiring thoughts and reflections about themselves and our community. This sits firmly within the British values of understanding of the value of rules, principles and laws as well as an understanding of responsibility.

The following children will be **celebrated in assembly on Friday 3rd October** with a focus upon:

'I am working hard on developing positive relationships and treating others kindly.'

- Miss Butler has nominated Lola Bush and Layla-May Langdon
- Mrs Penn has nominated Phoebe Lawfull
- Miss Jacob has nominated Shaydon Nobbs
- Miss Dennis has nominated Forest Nobbs and Oliver Wood
- Miss Cameron has nominated Macauley Jones
- Miss Brown has nominated Violet Moxon-Williams
- Mrs Cousins has nominated Scarlett Grant
- Miss Manley has nominated All of year 5
- Miss Shopland has nominated Elijah McLean
- Miss Drennan has nominated Mabel Ferguson
- Mr Hankin has nominated Alex Campbell and Cyrus McCarthy
- Mrs Russell has nominated JaeJae Opie



All parents, relatives and wider community members are encouraged to join us for this weekly celebration – it's a great way to round off the week, whether you are connected to nominated children or not. We look forward to seeing you.

ATTENDANCE

Please find below the attendance information for each class last week, great effort. Well done!



OVERALL	Nursery FS 1 CD & SJP	Reception FS 2 LJ	Year 1 CD	Year 2 SB	Year 3 VC	Year 4 DR & MC	Year 5 JM	Year 6 GH
95.9	80.2	94.4	93.1	92.1	96.8	93.8	98	95