



MUSIC MARK
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Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

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

Weekly Newsletter – 5th November 2025

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

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Chair of Governors: Robert Doets

Welcome from Mrs Hepher

Welcome back after half term!

I hope it was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect as a family and with friends, perhaps with some fun Halloween and fireworks opportunities thrown in for good measure! Today has been my first full day as Headteacher at Haytor View and what a delight it has been.

It was not only my first day, but also the first time that our new pet therapy dog, Molly, came with her owner to visit us at Haytor View. This is through the Therapy Dogs Nationwide charity. After my interview when the School Council asked me about school pets, Molly was introduced to us via other Connect schools who are lucky enough for her to visit and meet children each fortnight (sometimes with a focus on reading, sometimes just on feeling happy and well-regulated, ready to learn).

Today Molly met some of our wonderful children and had an initial thumbs up to add our school to her fortnightly visits schedule (she also visits Rowcroft in her role as a therapy dog). Molly will start officially in a few weeks and over time will meet all of our children. Here you can see Tomi-Ray and Jayden meeting Molly and comparing paw and hand sizes! Molly is a Newfoundland breed of dog, famous for being gentle, good with children and trainable as well as their swimming abilities (they have web paws!). I look forward to sharing more of Molly's adventures with you soon!



The newsletter will resume from next week being sent out on a Wednesday, ready for Friday's celebration assembly. We wanted to wait until my first day to send out this week's, thank you for your understanding.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to meeting more of you over the coming weeks and months.

Supporting our Wellbeing and Learning: Meet Seamo, Kip and Claire!

Seamo Tearo

I am a Play Therapist working at Haytor View Primary. Play Therapy uses play to help children explore their feelings, express themselves and make sense of their life experiences. With twenty years' experience, I have advocated for neurodivergent children, and those with anxiety and trauma. I love being outdoors and believe access to the outdoors in Play Therapy improves well-being and the ability to regulate emotions. Outside work, I am involved in Devon's folk music and dance scene.



Kip Pratt

I come to Haytor View once a week to make music with the children, both individually and in whole classes, using lots of different instruments, including our singing voices. I take over the office downstairs and turn it into our music studio! We write and record songs, learn tunes and compose music to stories or themes that interest the children. Sometimes I bring songs of my own to learn, and sometimes the children teach me a song too. Each term we share what we have done with friends, and twice a year we put on a big concert for everybody. Music making is all about listening... to ourselves and to each other... a great skill to have in life. Everybody is musical, and I love the challenge of helping the children to share their skills. When I'm not working in schools, I love reading stories, writing stories and playing my instruments with other people.



Claire Bergman

Hello! My name is Claire, and I'm a Speech and Language Therapist. I work with children across all year groups to support their listening, talking, and understanding skills. I also work closely with staff and families to provide guidance on the best ways to support each child. When I'm not working, I enjoy spending time with my family and baking. I'm excited to be part of the school community and look forward to meeting everyone. If you have any concerns about your child's communication, please speak to their class teacher.



Be Prepared for Autumn and Winter Weather

As we head into the colder and wetter months, we kindly ask that children bring a few spare clothing items to school. A change of dry socks, trousers and underwear can make all the difference on wet or muddy days, helping children stay comfortable and ready to learn.

If you happen to have any spare items of clothing at home that your child has outgrown, we would gratefully accept donations of clean socks, trousers, leggings and underwear. These will help us support any children who may need a change during the school day.



Odd Socks Day – Monday 10th November

As a way of celebrating everyone's uniqueness and individuality we are planning, along with many other schools across the country, to celebrate Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th November as part of our Anti-bullying week. Children are invited to wear odd socks for the day!

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 7th November** with a focus upon:

**'I can demonstrate and understand responsibility with my class,
school and community.'**

- Miss Butler has nominated Amelia Brailey
- Mrs Cousins has nominated Lemmy Rogers
- Miss Shopland has nominated Alfie Steer
- Miss Drennan has nominated Riley Wood
- Mrs Penn has nominated Martha Huddart Wells
- Miss Jacob has nominated Sylvie Tinmurth
- Miss Dennis has nominated Harper Pickford and Leo Chapman
- Mrs Brown has nominated Merida Sheffield-McHugh
- Miss Cameron has nominated Kyan Pereira
- Mrs Russell has nominated Evanna Harry
- Miss Manley has nominated Adam Hobbs and Scarlet Dart
- Mr Hankin has nominated Jaygo Burrett and Milly Coffin

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
91.4	86.2	95.3	78.9	91.3	89.3	92.3	95.5	93.7