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Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

Belong – Learn - Thrive

Newsletter – January 2026

Welcome back

How lovely it has been to have our school full of children! Thank you for your support and warm welcome as I have started officially full time.

Over the holidays we spent time rethinking the use of shared spaces and entrance ways around the school to allow a maximum focus on learning and keeping areas purposeful and designed for optimal focus, use of space and readiness for learning. You may have noticed the new library space downstairs and the 'Meet' room having a different feel.



We also launched our new school Facebook page, where we will begin to share good news stories, celebrations, provide updates and shout outs. This, along with our new Arbor communication app, will replace the weekly newsletter and we will move to a half termly newsletter. Please 'follow' our page to keep notified of posts, and be sure to 'like' posts so that our reach can be as far and wide as possible. Please click on this [link](#) to take you to our Facebook page.

School Vision

As we start a new year we wanted to refresh and relaunch our school vision to be something meaningful, relevant and memorable. Reviewing previous documentation and listening to feedback in the parent survey, staff surveys and pupil feedback, we have launched our vision for all our children to '**Belong, Learn, Thrive**'.



Belong - This reflects the relational approach we have at the school to ensure all our school community feel there is a place for them within Haytor View, where they are expected, matter and are cared for.



Learn – This is our main focus as an education provider, we want to prepare all our children for a life-long love of learning and ensure they know and remember more each day at school. We want every child to leave us well prepared for the next stage in their education.

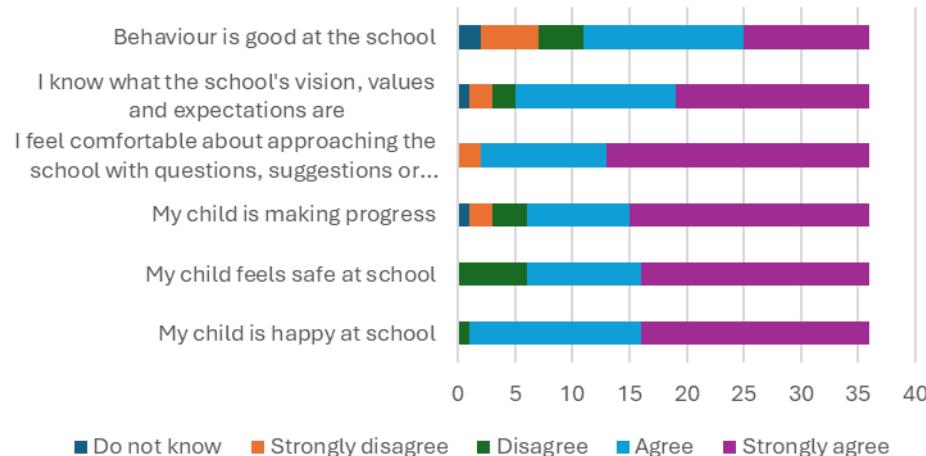


Thrive – Growing and flourishing in life, embracing all opportunities and living full and happy lives is our ultimate goal. A broad curriculum with many enrichment opportunities on offer is key to what we aim to provide.

Parent Survey

Thank you to the 36 families who responded to our December parent survey. Here are the results in a graph for your information (we are especially proud of how happy and safe at school your children are!):

Parent and Carer Survey Dec 2025



Here are some of the wonderful comments included on the survey responses:



Behaviour Policy and Parent/Carer Workshop

On Monday we met as a school team and discussed the priority for the school of ensuring a calm and consistent approach to behaviour. We have a new revised draft Relational Behaviour Policy which is based on the previous principles but aims to be more practical and clear about exactly what the consistencies are we are looking to follow as we shape the new 'Haytor View Way'. The expectations underpinning our approach is that we are:



We would very much like to include parents and carers in the shaping of the new policy and would therefore like to invite any interested families to join us in a parent and carer workshop based at the school on **Friday 23rd January from 5-5.45pm**. Please let the Office know if you intend to join us and we can ensure we have enough seats and refreshments!
(If this time is not suitable, and you would like to be involved, please let the Office know.)

Staffing Updates

It has been wonderful to welcome back Mrs Brown to Year 2 this week.



We are delighted to share that as we seek to stabilise teaching across the school, we have been able to appoint internally **Mrs Debbie Russell**, who is a very experienced and talented teacher, to the role of HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) so that cover for classes can be carried out by someone who the children know, who is part of the Haytor View Team, providing consistency and applying the 'Haytor View Way' across the school.



We also officially welcome to the Haytor View Team for the rest of this year, **Miss Camilla Drennan**, who will be continuing to provide additional capacity to Nursery as well in Year 3.

Over the coming weeks, we are seeking to recruit a **Family Support Worker** to provide additional support and pastoral capacity to work with families and children, as well as additional **Teaching Assistants** to provide learning support across the school. Please keep an eye out for the adverts and be sure to spread the word if you, or someone you know, is looking for a fantastic school to be part of.

Clubs – Spring Term

Please sign up to the clubs you would like your child to attend via the Arbor app and complete the permission. Confirmation is automatic if you are able to sign up to the club. Mrs Brown in Y2 would like to start her **Art Club** again from the week beginning 19th January, please keep an eye out for an introductory letter via email. All other clubs will start again next week.



Connect Trust

We are feeling very welcomed and supported by Connect, our new family of schools, and have benefited so far from some wonderful collaboration and support including:

- Writing moderation to agree assessments in English from Preston Primary School
- Maths planning support from the Headteacher at Preston Primary School
- Teacher visits to Cockington Primary School
- Teacher links with Preston Primary School
- CEO and School Improvement Leader school-based visits
- Finance, Facilities, IT and HR support from Connect
- Leadership development offers through a programme for Deputy Headteachers and Senior Leaders

It really is very special to have the direct offer of support and collaboration from other Devon schools on our doorstep and further away, to strengthen practice at our school and also to contribute to others. Stuart Bellworthy, Connect CEO, said about our whole school training on Monday, 'it was heartening to be part of such a positive and successful training day, involving staff, volunteers and governors. Mrs Hepher led the whole day skilfully, ensuring the whole team were included and everyone left with a clear and collaborative vision of how the provision for all children will be rapidly improved, helping to make Haytor View the primary school of choice in the area!'



Stuart Bellworthy, CEO



Sarah Ryder, School Improvement Leader

KEY DATES AT HAYTOR VIEW

16 th – 20th February inclusive	Half Term
23rd February	Non Pupil Day
1st April	Last day of Spring Term
Summer Term 2026	
20th April	First day of term for children
4th May	Bank Holiday
11th May – 14th May	SATS week
25th May – 29th May inclusive	Half Term
1st June	Non-Pupil Day
24th July	Last day of Summer Term

Autumn Term 2026	
1st September	Non Pupil Day
2nd September	Non Pupil Day
3rd September	First day of term for children

CELEBRATING SUCCESS – BELONG, LEARN, THRIVE

This week and for the next half term, our focus will be on being Careful, Kind and Ready and showing these across all areas of school life. We are proud of how all the children are responding to this clear expectation.

Next week our nominations will be shared on Wednesday via Arbor for families of nominated children to show their support at the assembly on Friday.

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.

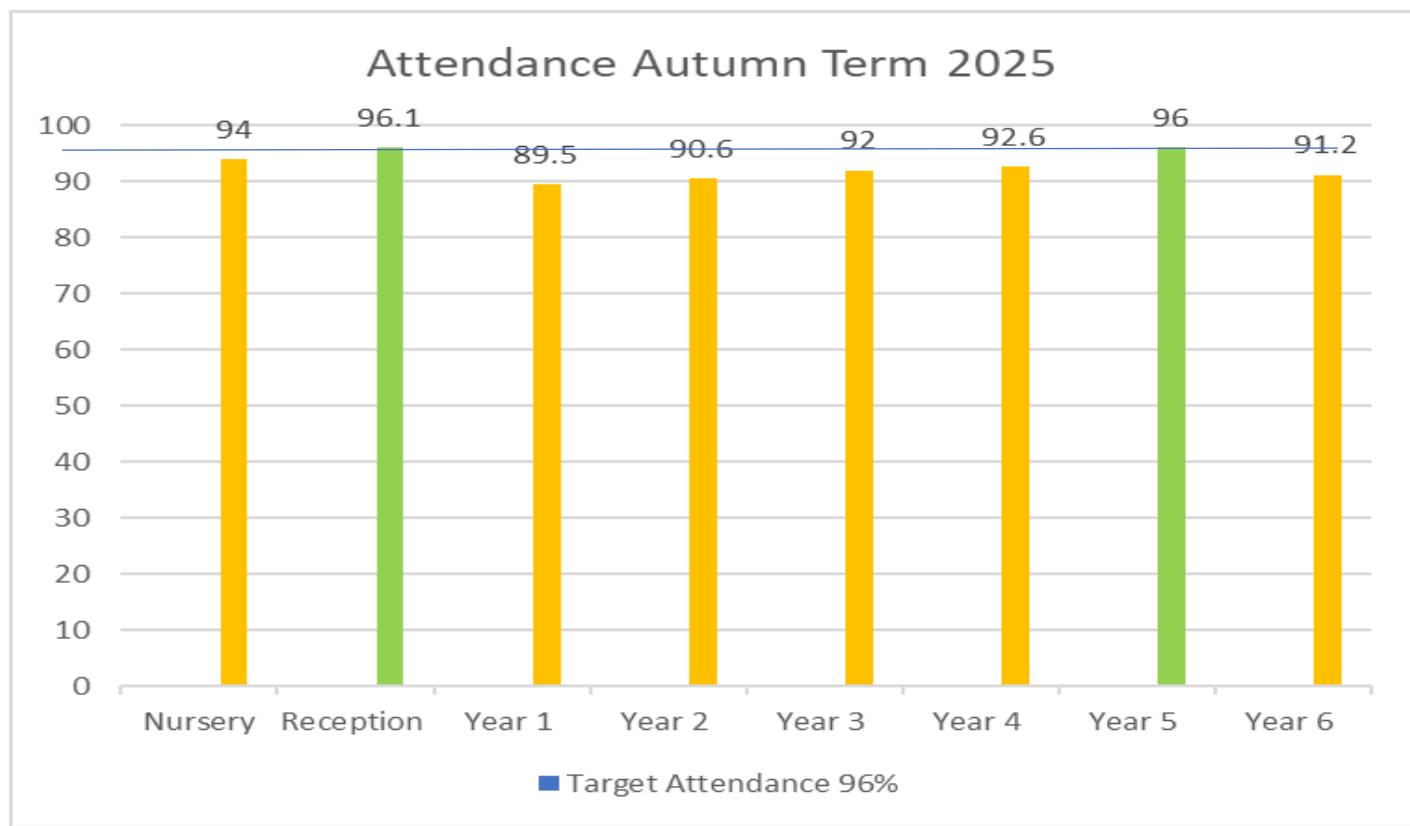


ATTENDANCE



Please remember that we expect an attendance target of 96% for each child; you can get up to date information on your own child/ren's attendance via the Arbor app.

Here is the information for last term:



Well done Reception and Year 5!