

School Matters

The Fortnightly Newsletter from Newton Poppleford School

Friday 11th July 2025

Message from Mr Pope

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week Sports Week has been! We have been so lucky to have so many incredible volunteers who have come to deliver enrichment activities for our children. A huge thankyou to John Shaw, Laura Broughton, Steve Filer, Becky Proctor, Joe Thompson and the Sidmouth College pupils, Scott Walker, Premier Education and Fiona Ableson. We are so fortunate to have such supportive members of our community who give up their time and energy for the pupils of Newton Poppleford. Thankyou also to all the parents and carers who came to support the children during the Sports Day events and the PTFA for going above and beyond as they always do with iced coffees and Wimbledon strawberries and cream. You are all fantastic.

The children have loved this week and we are really proud of the way they have applied themselves to the sports on offer and competed in the right way.

This week we have received our SATs results. The children in year 6 have done extremely well and we are very proud of them for the way they have applied themselves this year in all areas.

Our school has posted some very impressive results across the board this year. 95% of children in year 1 achieved the phonics pass mark and in every KS2 benchmark our school has outperformed both their Devon counterparts and the National Average – in some areas significantly so. I believe this is testament to the simple fact that 99% of our children are reported to feel safe and happy in the school. As a staff team, we feel this is the key to the betterment of our pupils.

Newton Poppleford Primary School Headline data for 2025

KS2 results

Reading 84% 39%@GDS

GAPS 81% 35%@GDS

Writing 74% 10%@GDS

Maths 77% 19%@@GDS

I also want to thank everyone who responded to the recent communication for our staff. Just some of the kind words that you have given which will make such a difference to them:

"You have made the children laugh and taken an interest in their individual achievements which makes such a difference!"

"She is always really kind to everyone."

"They have their fingers gently resting on the pulse of the school, ready to support when needed, ferry lost clothes as required and keep the place running like clockwork!"

"For going above and beyond everyday."

Thankyou and Best Wishes as always. We hope you enjoy the sunshine and take some time to relax with your families.

Mr Pope

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For any Twilight after school club matters, please phone the main school number.

Sports Week



Year 3



Year 3 have had a brilliant week this week trying out lots of different sports during Sports Week and taking part in the KS2 Sports Day. On Monday they had a Pilates lesson with Laura Broughton, on Tuesday a circuit training session with Becky Proctor and a tennis session with Mr Filer. Wednesday was Sports Day and they all battled it out in the heat, working their way around each station and taking part in the relay races. On Thursday they had a football coaching session with Scott Walker and today they have been out on the field in a Nerf Battle! Well done Year 3 – what a fabulous group of sporty stars you all are!



Budleigh Music Festival

The choir children had a fantastic trip to Budleigh Music Festival. We saw 'Lumas Winds', a wind quintet, who performed a range of songs, including a few that some of the children were familiar with from 'West Side Story'. The children were delighted to meet them afterwards and to be able to ask them some questions. The children found this very inspiring, particularly hearing that the recorder is a great instrument to start with.

The children said..

'It was really amazing to see all the music and really inspirational.'

"It was really good. I thought the wind quintet were fantastic."

"It was fun and exciting."

A huge thank you to Pamela Marino, at Budleigh Music Festival, for arranging our free tickets and coach to the concert. Also, to Beth McLean, our Choie Leader, for accompanying us on the trip.



Year 6



We created some artwork, inspired by ammonites and the sea, which will be put on a donkey and displayed at Kennaway House next year.

Year 2 and Reception



Last week, Year 2 and Reception enjoyed a visit to the beach. For Year 2, the trip served as a field-work opportunity for their Geography enquiry on sea pollution. Although the beach appeared clean at first, our litter pick revealed a surprising amount of rubbish — nearly 6kg in total! After our clean-up efforts, both Year 2 and Reception relaxed in the cool shade of the gardens, where we had a picnic and played games together.

Pre School



"Pre-School had their Mini Olympics last week!! All the children were amazing and we saw some great running, jumping, kicking and throwing!!"

PTFA Update

Dates for the diary



Look how happy being part
of the PTFA makes you!

Thursday 11th
September 8PM at the
school



Dates for the Diary

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15th July	Year 5 Trip Pre School and Reception Picnic in the Park Parent Drop - SEND
16th July	Year 6 School Play Year 3 and 5 Summer Hike
17th July	Year 4 and Year 6 Summer hike
18th July	Year 1 and 2 Summer Hike
23rd July	Last Day of Term



Key dates to remember:

Reports will be sent home next week.

Tuesday the 22nd July @ 2pm – Whole School
Celebration Event