

School Matters

The Fortnightly Newsletter from Newton Poppleford School

Friday 12th June 2026

Message from Mr Pope

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a really busy start to summer 2 and it has been lots of fun in school. A huge thankyou to the teachers and staff here for putting in so much effort and to parents for continuing to support our activities.

This week, I would like to announce that the school has formed a new senior leadership team for the academic year ahead. Mr Churchill, Mrs Turner and I are very excited about the prospect of working closely with our newly formed team that will lead and push the school forward. Miss Winkler and Mrs Laureys have both stepped into these positions and we have already begun to plan and look ahead to the next academic year. I would like to offer my thanks and congratulations to them both.

I am also witing to announce that Mrs Venables has taken the difficult decision to leave our school and her last day will be the 19th June. Sam has been a great asset to us and has given so much to the children of the village and beyond. She will be missed but we wish her all the best in her career and her passion as she steps into a different but exciting role.

The school is currently recruiting for teaching staff for the next academic year and we have received a large number of applications. These interviews will take place next week and we will inform the school community once we have conducted this process. You will also find out who your class teacher(s) for next year will be in the weeks ahead. We will ensure this comes to you on or before the 26th June. Reports are also currently being written and these will be sent out to you on Friday 10th July.

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

A request regarding mornings and our office team. We are trying to minimise the disruption caused to our office team as much as we possibly can in the mornings. When children are dropped off to school and are routinely late (in some cases more than twice a week), this impacts them hugely. I would ask that everyone treats our staff with respect and when reasonable requests are made the staff are treated graciously. This year we have developed new home/school agreements for our children and families. Within it we ask for three central things:

To display a **positive** attitude towards the school and staff in front of your child at all times.

To be **punctual** when attending school.

To be **proactive** when supporting your child's education and learning.

We believe these things are vital for a healthy school community that is centred on children.

The weeks ahead have lots of exciting activities and The World Cup is upon us so I am sure there will be lots of excitement as the tournament progresses. We hope the children have and will enjoy all the enrichment planned or delivered recently and look forward to what is always a great time in school.

Best Wishes as always and we hope you all enjoy the good weather over this coming weekend.

Mr Pope

Newton Poppleford Primary School
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NHS
Mental Health
Support Team

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Children & Family Health Devon

Y6 PARENTS/CARERS
You are invited to an online workshop:
**SUPPORTING A SUCCESSFUL
SECONDARY SCHOOL
TRANSITION**

DATE - WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE 2026
TIME - 18:00-19:00
ONLINE VIA TEAMS (joining code below)

Discuss the common secondary transition concerns.

Helpful tips to support your child's mental health during the transition.

Explore signs and reasons for worries about change.

Microsoft Teams
Meeting ID: 319 109 280 827 09
Passcode: Be77Zx35

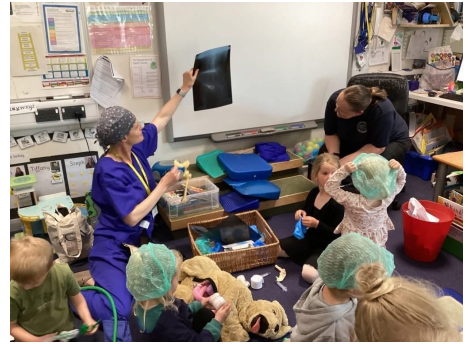
Join us online

Pre School



Preschool enjoyed a fantastic visit this week from two of our parent volunteers, who are both vets.

As part of their learning, the children explored how vets help to care for animals and keep them healthy. They had the opportunity to bandage soft toy animals, try on scrubs and hair nets, and learn about some of the equipment used in veterinary practice.



The children were fascinated by the X-rays and bones they were shown and enjoyed learning about different parts of an animal's body and how they work

Year 4

Dartmoor photo

Year 4 had an amazing trip to Haytor where they completed a 3.9 mile hike. During this hike, they learnt all about the geology of Dartmoor and how tectonic plates led to the formation of the granite outcrops we see today.



Volcano visitor

Year 4 had a superb volcano expert visit school to explain all about how volcanoes are formed and what happens when they erupt.





Year3

As part of their English lessons linked to the story '*Cloud Tea Monkeys*', Year 3 took part in a delightful tea-tasting experience.

Having learned about tea growing and harvesting through the story, the children were excited to sample a range of different teas and explore the unique flavours and aromas of each one. They carefully considered what they could taste and smell, sharing their thoughts with enthusiasm.

The children impressed Miss Pulling with their rich vocabulary and descriptive language, using phrases such as "a hint of mint" and "a whisper of lemon" to describe their experiences. This hands on activity helped bring the story to life, while enriching the children's vocabulary and encouraging imaginative language use.

Reception

Our Reception children had a fantastic day at **Seaton Wetlands**

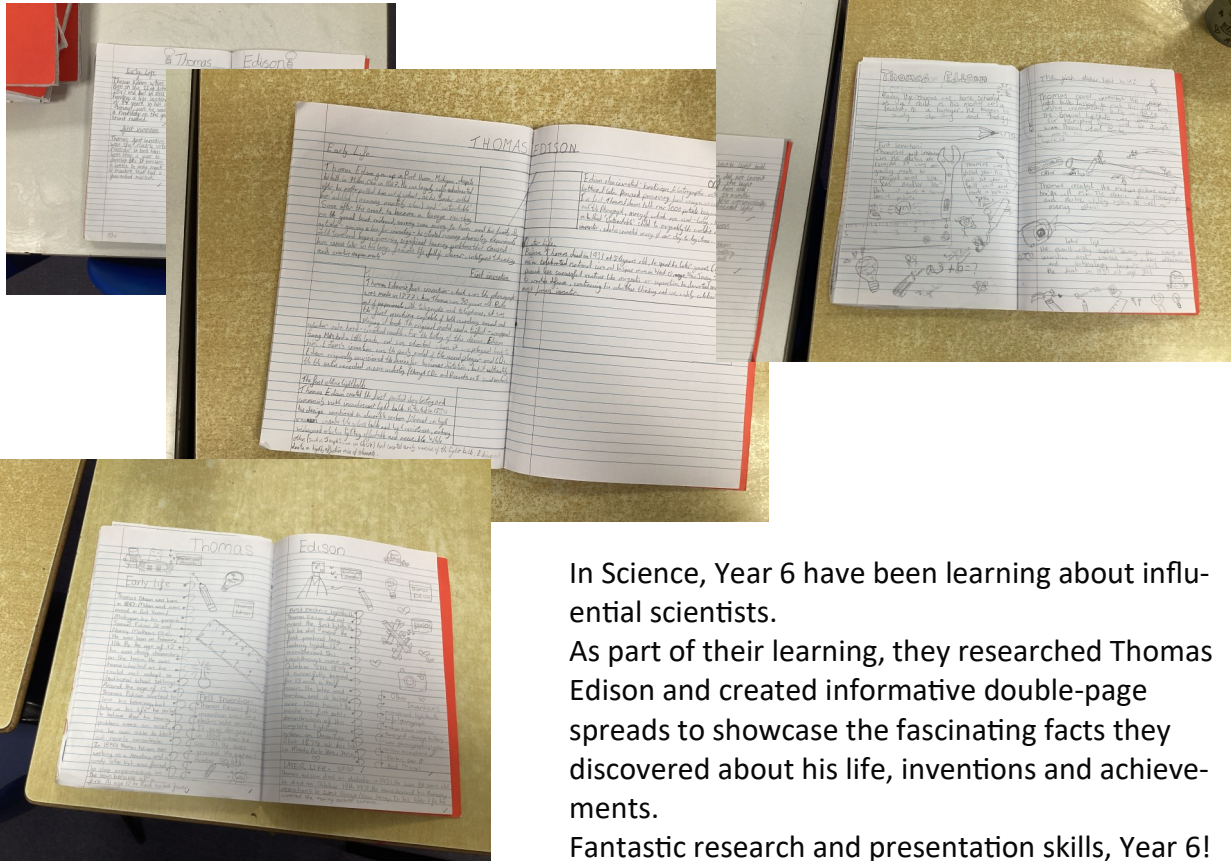
As part of their visit, the children helped search for Percy Parrot and the treasure that Captain Joe Hawk had run off with.

The day was full of opportunities for exploration, problem-solving and learning outdoors, with the children showing great enthusiasm, curiosity and teamwork throughout. 🔍 ✨

Experiences like these help bring learning to life and create lasting memories for our youngest pupils. We are incredibly proud of how they represented the school and know they can't wait to tell you all about their adventure!



Year 6



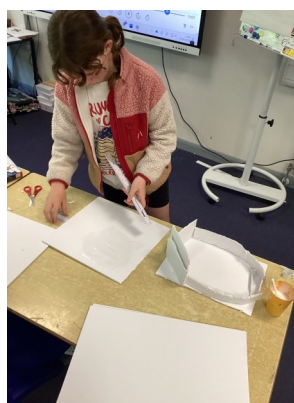
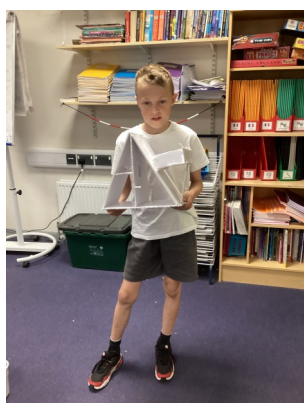
In Science, Year 6 have been learning about influential scientists.

As part of their learning, they researched Thomas Edison and created informative double-page spreads to showcase the fascinating facts they discovered about his life, inventions and achievements.

Fantastic research and presentation skills, Year 6!

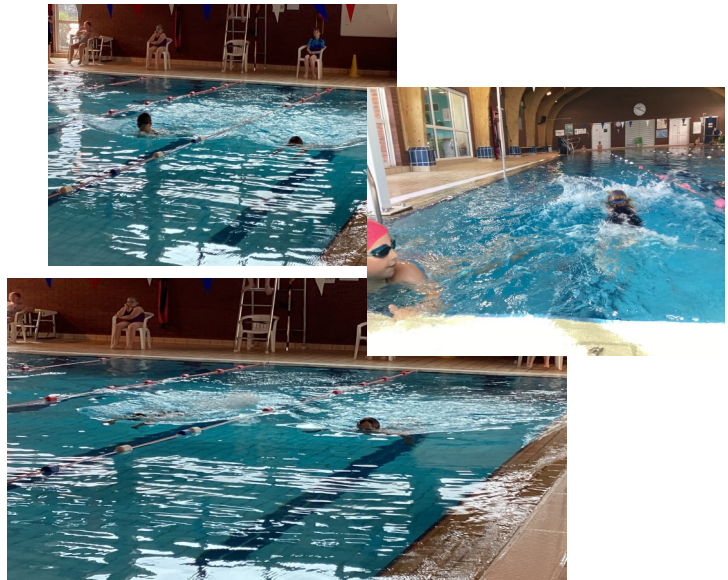
Year 5

As part of their Design and Technology learning, Year 5 have been investigating how engineers and designers create strong, stable structures. They explored the properties of different shapes and discovered why triangles are often used in construction to provide strength and stability. The children then applied this knowledge to design and build their own structures, carefully considering how to make them as strong and effective as possible. Along the way, they tested ideas, solved problems and evaluated their designs, just like real engineers. We were really impressed by the creativity, resilience and teamwork shown throughout the project.



Sporting Activities

On Wednesday 10th June, Newton Pop had a fabulous morning at the Swimming gala organised by Mr Thompson at Sidmouth College. Pupils from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in individual races in breaststroke, backstroke, front crawl and butterfly, as well as freestyle and medley relays. Everyone gave 100% and swam their socks off! Miss Pulling and Mrs. Pollard were very impressed with how our team conducted themselves and supported each other, demonstrating great sportsmanship and team work. Overall, we came a close second to Sidmouth. A special nod to Olive (Y4), Josh D (Y5), Rose (Y4) and Walter (Y4) for coming first in their individual races and our girls Y3/4 team for coming first in the freestyle relay. Also a very well done to our girls team for building the tallest tower in the bonus race. Well done to all the swimmers, you did us proud!



Year 1



As part of our DT unit on fruit smoothies, Year 1 have been exploring different foods and learning how to identify whether they are fruits. Through observation, discussion and investigation, the children have been developing their knowledge of different ingredients and where they come from.



This learning will support them as they go on to design and make their own delicious fruit smoothies later in the term!

Year 2



This week, Year 2 explored the oceans of the world as part of their Oceans and Continents Geography topic. Using maps and a catchy song to support their learning, the children identified and located the world's oceans, developing their understanding of where they are found and how they connect the continents. They also practised key map-reading skills and used geographical vocabulary to describe features of our planet.

PTFA

1/6/2026-17/7/2026

SUMMER TERM 2

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRI 5TH JUNE	after school	Freezy Friday- every friday after school except the Summer Fete friday.
WEDS 10TH JUNE	after school	Preschool Cake Sale
FRI 26TH JUNE	3-5pm	Summer Fete- range of stalls, choir, dancing, bouncy castle and much more.....
WEDS 8TH JULY	All day	Sports Day Refreshments
FRI 10TH JULY	7-10PM	Summer Quiz Night

PTFA FREEZY FRIDAY

5th June
12th June
19th June
3rd July
10th July
17th July

In the playground after school

50p each

Scan to Pay



NEWTON POP PTFA SUMMER FETE

AT NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE 15:20-17:20

FREE ENTRY

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

BOUNCY CASTLE - DANCERS - FACE PAINTING - BBQ - CANDYFLOSS - GAMES - RAFFLE PRIZES & MANY MORE...

MR FILER'S TENNIS CLUB

Every Thursday

17:30-18:30

NEWTON POPPLEFORD TENNIS COURTS

£1 PER CHILD

Everyone welcome

NP PTFA

We need YOU

Help Our School Allotment Grow!

Our wonderful school allotment needs a few extra pairs of hands. Whether you can spare an hour or a morning, your help makes a real difference - no experience needed!

NP PTFA TOY AMNESTY

WE ARE COLLECTING ANY NEW AND UNUSED ITEMS.

PARTY BAG FILLERS, SMALL TOYS, STICKERS, STATIONERY, SWEETS, AND NOVELTY ITEMS WOULD ALL BE HUGELY APPRECIATED.

THANK YOU

BE PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL

JOIN THE PTFA

COMMITTEE ROLES AVAILABLE:

- Chair
- Deputy Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Sub committee role available- speak to Georgia to find out more

- Make a real difference
- support your children
- meet new people
- flexible roles

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NEWTON POP PTFA SUMMER FETE

Friday 26th June 2026

3:20-5:30pm in the school playground

...And we need YOU to make it happen!

PLEASE...

don't miss your chance to bid on some fantastic prizes in our Summer Fete Silent Auction. We already have some amazing prizes available, with more being added all the time, so keep checking back to see what's new...

Please bring in your **FILLED JARS** for the jar tombola (an empty jar, filled with anything you like; sweets, toys, hairbands, stationery anything goes!) Drop off any time to the school office.

Please bring in your great condition preloved **SOFT TOY** donations for the teddy tombola. Any time, to the school office.

VOLUNTEER!!!

Signup on PTA Events and help on the day

Remember, it's **NON-UNIFORM DAY** on Friday 26th June, in exchange, please bring a **BOTTLE** for the tombola!

Donation to PTFA for every booking made!

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1% of total holiday value donated to PTFA for any families or referrals from Newton Poppleford School (up to £100 per booking)

Over 20 years experience, no extra charges, all types of holidays covered, fully protected holidays and I genuinely care! Plus together we can do a little to help our awesome school

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Dates for the Diary

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15/06/2026	Year 1 Swimming Lessons (3 of 6)
16/06/2026	Year 5 and 6 Sporting Event Sidmouth College (Selected Children only)
17/06/2026	Year 1 Trip
17/06/2026	Climate Care Workshop - Wear Green Day
22/06/2026	Year 1 Swimming Lessons (4 of 6)
23/06/2026	Year 5 Music Event
26/06/2026	PTFA Summer Fete
29/06/2026	Year 1 Swimming Lessons (5 of 6)
01/07/2026	Transition Day
03/07/2026	KS2 Author Visit
	Selected children - Budleigh Music Festival
06/07/2026	Year 1 Swimming Lessons (6 of 6)
06/07/2026-10/07/2026	Sports Week
08/07/2026	Sports Day (Provisional Date)
13/07/2026-17/07/2026	Art Week
15/07/2026	Year 6 Production
16/07/2026	Reception and Pre school Outing
21/07/2026	Last Day of Summer Term



Details of activities and program—<https://www.budleighmusicfestival.co.uk/>

Music Workshops - There are also some great workshops happening on Saturday 27 June, the '**Music for All**' day. 'Sounds of the Street' band are leading some workshops and inviting everyone to bring their own instrument and join in playing - they will help. Homemade instruments are also welcome. So too people who want to do body percussion. This group is phenomenal and great fun for young instrumentalists.

Duo Tutti are also running family workshops for all ages. They are all on **Saturday 27 June** - details on the website

<https://www.budleighmusicfestival.co.uk/event/cracking-good-fun/>