

Northam St George's Weekly News

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Growing, achieving and flourishing together in mind, body and spirit.



Headteacher's message

Appledore Book Festival: a celebration of reading, authors and illustrators!

Dear Parents/Carers

We celebrated reading and authors this week in school with three incredible visits from authors as part of the Appledore Book Festival Schools' Week. Our classes really enjoyed listening to stories from the authors, seeing their drawings and asking them questions about their work and their books.

What a fantastic opportunity for our pupils!

Appledore Book Festival have also very kindly purchased a book for each of our pupils to take home. When these arrive, we will send home with the children and we hope you enjoy reading them with your child.

Our visiting authors were: Sarah Tagholm, John Townsend and Peter Horcek. A massive thank you to Appledore Book Festival for organising a wonderful event for our children.

Enjoy the weekend!



Around The Classes



In the Woodlands... What a brilliant week we have had! We enjoyed an exciting visit from our Appledore Book Festival Illustrator, Duncan Beedie and Author Sarah Tagholm. The children got to watch him demonstrate how to draw a character from his book before having their own go at being illustrators, as well as listen to Sarah tell her favourite story. We had lots of fun!



In the Orchard ...

This week in the Orchard, we have been thinking about stories and characters. The children have had great fun dressing up this week! They have enjoyed trying on all sorts of different costumes and hats!



Around The Classes



We have had another great week in **Lemon Class**. Lemon Class are thoroughly enjoying our history topic of Transport. We have been learning about the history of different types of transport and the similarities and differences between transport of the past compared with the present. The children worked collaboratively to discuss and sort a range of images into groups of past and present transport types.

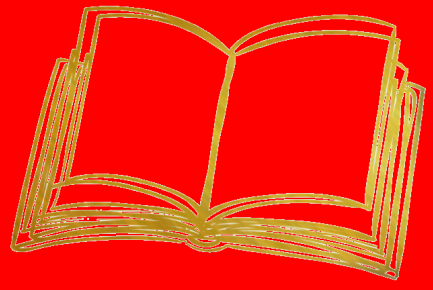


What a busy week in **Apple Class**!

Apple Class have been really enjoying their science lessons about materials. We have been learning about the difference between objects and their materials and discussing the properties of different materials. We enjoyed going on a material hunt around school.



Golden Book



Blueberry

This week we
are celebrating:
Effie

For: listening well,
playing and
sharing with
everyone and
making lots of new
friends! Well done
for being a kind
friend.

Strawberry

This week we
are celebrating
Thomas

For: persevering
when you have
been trying new
activities – well
done!

Lemon

This week we
are celebrating
Harley

For: coming into
school with a big
smile and getting
straight on with
her morning task!
Well done Harley!

The Orchard

This week we
are celebrating
Marley B

For: Making good
progress with his
communication and
language during
phonics

Apple

This week we
are celebrating
Bea

For: coming into
class positively each
morning this week
well done Bea, we
are proud of you!

Dates 2026 - 27



Key Dates for 2025-26

Autumn Term		
Date	Activity	Location
Tuesdays	Woodlands Forest School	The wilderness
08 October	KS1 trip Lynmouth Cliff railway and Woody Bay	Apple and Lemon Class
08 October	Library visit for Storytime	Nursery Class
12 October	Open Books Class visit for parents and carers	Apple Class
13 October	Open Books Class Visit for parents and carers	Lemon Class
Date to be confirmed	Harvest Festival	St Margaret's Church
WB 19 October	Parent/Carer Teacher consultations	Your child's classroom
23 Oct	Non Pupil Day	
26 Oct – 30 Oct Autumn Half Term		
2 November	Pupils return to school	
WB 16/11/26	Anti-bullying week	
10 November	Open Phonic Lessons for parents and carers	Reception Classes
03 December	Reception Nativity Performance (afternoon)	School Hall
10 December	KS1 Christmas Play Performance (afternoon)	School Hall
10 December	KS1 Christmas Play Performance 5:00pm	School Hall
16 December	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
16 December	Christmas dinner day	School Hall
Date to be confirmed	Christmas Service	St Margaret's Church
21 Dec to 05 Jan - Christmas Holidays		
Spring Term		
Date	Activity	Location
05 Jan	Non Pupil Day	
06 Jan	Pupils return to school	
08 Feb	Individual Reports	
15 to 19 Feb Spring Half Term		
23 March	World Book Day	
Date to be confirmed	Easter Service	St Margaret's Church
26 March – 09 April - Easter Holidays		
Summer Term		
Date	Activity	Location
13 and 14 April	School Art Exhibition	School Hall
23 April	St George's Day	
01 May	Northam Mayfair – Year 2 Maypole dancing	The Rectory - Northam
Wednesdays	Year 2 Swimming Lessons	Northam Pool
Tuesdays	Year 1 Beach School	Northam Beach
03 May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY	
06 May	Ascension Day Service	St Margaret's playground
WB 24 May	Parent / Carer Teacher Consultations	Your child's classroom
31 – 4 May Half Term		
30 June	Sports Day	School Field
07 July	Reserve Sports Day	School Field
16 July	Whole School Music Celebration	
22 July	Final day of summer term for pupils	
23 July	Non pupil day	