

Term 1 Newsletter 2021 – 2022



Message from Michelle Reysenn – Headteacher

Dear Families,

Wow. The end of term 1 for another academic year. Time does fly!

As ever, I would firstly like to thank all of you for your amazing support to the school, through these continued challenging times. Covid isn't going away, and weekly, we are having to make decisions regarding the safety of all. I thank you for helping us through this. On a personal level, as many of you are aware, myself and my whole family contracted Covid at the start of term. I know many of you as parents were anxious as to whether I had passed this onto pupils. Thankfully, no close contacts did become positive.

It is really important that you continue to respond to the information that is sent to you, in texts, emails, and letters, and if your child is identified as a close contact, then please do get them a PCR test asap. We will support any decision to keep them home until the result arrives. Safety first; always.

Now onto more cheery matters! This term has been full of wonderful learning, activities both on and off site, as well as, individual and group successes with progress, and attendance.

A handful of pupils are part of our attendance improvement programme, and their tutors are working with them to identify the barriers of coming into school. This is already working well with 2 or 3 boys, and their attendance has improved significantly.

All pupils should have an attendance of 95% or more, but we know that sometimes, there are other factors that affect a young person coming into school. Please do help us as a school, as well as your child, to ensure that attendance to school is taken seriously. If a child is in school every day, then they are safe, they will form relationships and friendships, and they will begin to access lessons and make progress.

Last year, our overall school attendance was 78%. So far this year, whole school attendance is just over 80%. Together, we can keep making progress, and ensure that every child gets the education they deserve, daily.

Finally, I wish you all a lovely time, as a family, and with friends this half term. Please do stay safe. Covid is still with us, so let's protect ourselves and each other.

Thank you.

Best wishes,

Michelle Reysenn
Headteacher

Attendance Matters



Term 1 WINNERS!



Attendance: 95% and above

Reagan	Rio
Leo F	Jack G-O'B
JK	Jack J
Maty	Drew
Connor W	Patrik

Green Token Winners

Cason	Jack G-O'B
Patrik	Bennito
	Josh

100% Attendance

David	Theo
Leo D	Oliver
Turrell	Lewis
Junior	Charlie



Subject Winners

English – Thomas, Mason, Cameron

Maths – Phin, Cason, Charlie, Patrik

Science - Thomas

Food – Cason, Kai

Lego Group – Charlie, Patrik

Art – Phin

1:1 Spelling Intervention with Jane - Junior

Outdoor Education – Bennito

Speech & Language 1:1 With Lexi-Jo - Anthony

Reading – Mason

Social Skills Group - Patrik

Spelling – Anthony

PE – Anthony

Sports Science – Reagen

Digital Information Tech – Leo F

PSHE - Drew

14 – 16 College - Drew



The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss

PEWSEY & DEVIZES

Term 1 with Sarah, Natalie, Amy, Steve, Thani & Elaine

This Term we welcome Cameron and Taylon to the Primary classes, we have spent time getting to know each other through fun activities and games.



Matthew has visited our classes for music and well-being sessions, we have enjoyed singing and playing lots of different instruments. Matthew has been amazed by our engagement and good listening skills.

During our PSHE lessons we have been learning how to understand our different feelings through the Zones of Regulation and which emotions belong to each different colour zone. We are working on using these new skills to help us regulate throughout our school day.



There is never a dull moment at Notton.....



We had a power cut for a whole afternoon, but showed our resilience and resourcefulness as we took our learning outside into the sunshine where we all enjoyed playing educational games together.

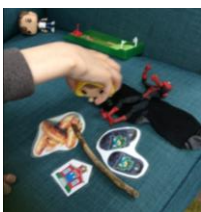
In geography and Science, we have been learning about Habitats and The Rainforest and the impact humans and nature can have on ecosystems. It has been fun finding out about Amazon tribes and comparing their way of life to ours. We decided the Kayope Tribe were much healthier than us, as they had no electronic games and their free time was spent swimming, climbing trees and playing outside! They also had to do lots of chores such as fishing, gathering fruit and nuts for food. They only took from the forest what they needed and wasted nothing. It made us think a bit about how much food and waste we throw away.



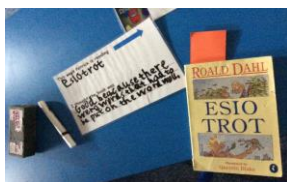
We talked about how we can be 'habitat Helpers' by recycling, reusing and reducing the waste that we have in our own lives. We all took part in an activity to sort out a family's bin bag of rubbish.

In Primary we practice our phonics sounds and reading every day. We play phonic games, read to each other and as a group and enjoy lots of interactive stories. We also visit the school library to choose our own reading material.

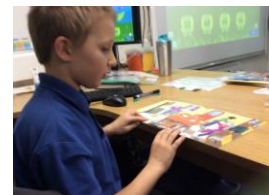
We play lots of games to help with our reading.



We write book reviews to help others chose what they might like to read.



We read to ourselves as well sharing books with different adults.



We hope that you all have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you after the holidays.

BROAD TOWN

Term 1 with Helen, Nat & Tiff

We have had a great start to the term and welcomed David, Josh, Leo, Max and Lewis to the class.

We have enjoyed getting to know each other and playing lots of games in our Wellbeing lessons especially Uno and Bounce Off!!

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In maths we have looked at numbers. We have identified patterns, practised our times tables, looked at multiples and factors of numbers as well as calculating sums using negative numbers.



We have been reading the story of HOLES as a class and have completed activities around this. We aim to finish the term by watching the movie. Also, pupils have been practising their phonics/spelling.



In SMSC we have looked at Canada and it's famous landmarks. In Humanities we have looked at the UK, the capital city, uses of water, the water cycle and identified rivers in the UK and how to be safe around water.



Cooking with Ron has been great fun, with the boys cooking sausage plait, French apple tart and cinnamon twirls.



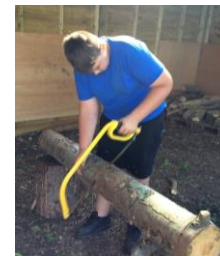
Boys had fun on a bike ride around the lanes for their PE lesson.



David has enjoyed learning to play the piano.



Outdoor Education – sawing wood, lighting fires, cooking smores, what else could you want!



HACKPEN

Term 1 with Ant, Sharon & Ollie

Term 1 for Hackpen Class can only be described with one word, "caramel".

The boys have settled nicely into their new class under the experienced tutelage combination of Ant, Ollie and Sharon. Over the last few weeks we have seen all the boys earning green tokens for respect, kindness and safety in lower school style proportions, with all 4 boys winning the green token draw at least once on a Friday assembly.



One of the huge successes this term, not only for the class but across the whole school, has been the restructure of the Outdoor Education syllabus. Term 1 brought us to Waterland, Lake 32 in South Cerny to hone our paddling skills. Stand up paddle boarding and kayaking have been enjoyed thoroughly with all boys making good strides towards completing their 1 Star Award at Paddle Sports. Next term we will be undertaking climbing with all working towards their NIBAS Award. Particular mention goes to Jack who has taken to it like a duck to water.

We have had massive success in Maths and English, all boys making progress through their academic levels. P.E continues to be a hugely popular lesson and thanks to our simply incredible P.E teacher and his flexible curriculum we have enjoyed a range of sports including football, cycling and trampolining. Cameron's skill on a trampoline is unparalleled across the school displaying perfectly technical seat drops, front drops, back summersaults and swivel hips.



Italian cookery has been at the forefront of Food Tech producing such classics as lasagne, Sicilian lemon cake and a classically Italian cheesecake with mascarpone. From this love of cooking, Cason has begun some 1-1 chef sessions with legendary cooking maestro Ollie, starting last week he made a rich and creamy chicken and chorizo risotto. Cason's cookery skills were even utilised by the school in order to make a selection of muffins and cakes for the parent's Coffee Morning.



Finally, each boy has won the coveted "Hackpen Pupil of the Week" at some point this term with Cason completing a hattrick of wins in the last 3 weeks of term, adding to his "Headteacher Pupil of the Week" won in week 5.

We hope all boys have a wonderful half-term break and come back refreshed and ready for more.

ALTON BARNES

Term 1 with Ron & Kelly

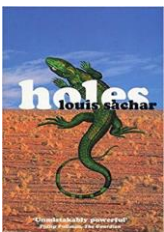
We welcome all the students back to the start of a new school year after the holidays. All boys have settled back well.



We started off this term in Art making mobile phone holders, designing the shape and measuring so these fit their phones. Then going on to cutting the shape out of plastic.



One of the new subjects our tutor group is studying is Animal Care, we will learn about all things to do with animals and work towards a qualification. They are really enjoying this new subject and find it interesting. We have even had a visit from a chicken and we are in the middle of getting the chicken coop ready. There have also been many bunny cuddles from this little fellow we have named 'Bugs'.

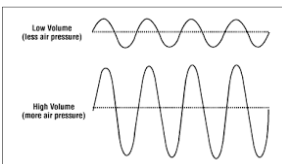


This term in English we are studying the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar.

The boys have engaged very well learning about this book, reading it with all the funny characters with unusual nicknames. We look forward to watching the film!



With the weather that has been pleasant we have managed to get out in the polytunnel and dig up vast amounts of potatoes and tidy up the area as part of our outdoor education.



This term in science we have been learning about sound waves and frequency - we had some interesting experiments.



We also took a lovely walk across Westbury White Horse - the views were stunning, and walked along the canal at Seend.



MARLBOROUGH

Term 1 with Ben, Becky & Vas

It has been a very busy start to the year for Marlborough class, with the students settling into their new tutor group and the new time table.

The term hasn't been the smoothest at times, especially as most of the tutor group had an extended break away from school due to Covid-19. However, on the whole Marlborough class have tried really hard to remain in class and to attempt all the work set.



The class favourite remains Physical Education and despite the absence of the nation's favourite PE teacher, Mr Wicks, the students have really enjoyed the options during the lessons. Badminton has remained a firm favourite with the majority of the group. The introduction of the new bikes has also proved to be a hit -sorry Joe Wicks but Ben Shuker is still Notton's favourite PE teacher.



English is not one of Marlborough classes favourite lessons but the work they did on P.E.E paragraphs was exceptional. (P.E.E = Point, Evidence, Explain).

They were challenged to write a P.E.E paragraph as to why their lovely Learning Facilitator is in fact a well-known, flamboyant musician with a great variety of glasses. Obviously, the students took great delight in this fact and the joyous sound of laughter could be heard down the corridor.



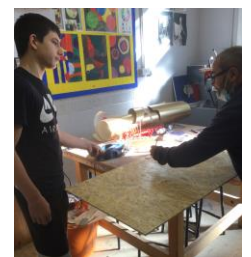
Outdoor education is just beginning to ramp up with the students looking forward to their first experience of Lake 32 and the use of the stand-up paddle boards, as well as the kayaks. Hopefully the weather will hold so we can take full advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

In outdoor lessons so far, the students have been exploring local areas. Looking around Box Woods and discovering the disused mines, as well as a trip to Cean Hill Locks to see the barges.

Hopefully, Term 2 will bring more learning as the students move through year 9 in preparation for making subject choices ready for year 10.



Well done Marlborough.



CHERRILL

Term 1 with Andy, Tom & Pete

It's been a very good start back to School for our group. So, what have the class been up to since the start of September?

There has been a lot of good learning going on in both English and Maths. Most of the group are going to be working towards a GCSE Qualification in both subjects which is great news – but obviously means that there is a lot of work to get through over the coming months and years.

In English the students have been researching a topic of their choice on which they have to do a presentation to the class as part of the speaking and listening part of the qualification. To start with they noted down anything they already knew about their topic, then added to this by finding out more information using the internet.



Once they have finished gathering all the information they will be producing a PowerPoint slide show to assist with the presentation.

In Maths there has been a lot of work done on prime numbers, highest common factors and lowest common multiples, standard form, negative numbers and substitution. We have been very impressed with the work that is being done by the whole class. It is very challenging and gets the brain thinking!



The Group have really enjoyed taking part in the Outdoor Education sessions on a Monday. This has seen us going to the Cotswold Water Park where there has been the opportunity to try paddle boarding and kayaking.

In our SMSC Lessons we have been learning about the Americas, and our chosen country, Haiti.



A couple of students have started college courses too, one is studying Construction and the other Health and Social Care. Both have made an excellent start. We also have a student attending Kandu Arts and doing really well there.

Have a great half term break!

Keep up the good work next term!

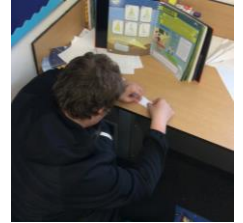
WESTBURY

Term 1 with Anton & Nathan

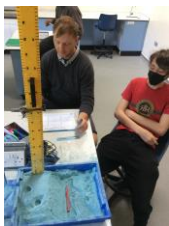
The beginning of a new term after a long summer holiday is always challenging. The boys at NHA have begun the year with a great mindset and this is exemplified by Westbury.



I have been really proud of the boy's attitude towards each other. They have demonstrated a respect and tolerance of each other which is really encouraging to see.



Well done to Bennito who has been outstanding this term showing great learner resilience and frequently achieving student of the week, particularly for his work in maths.



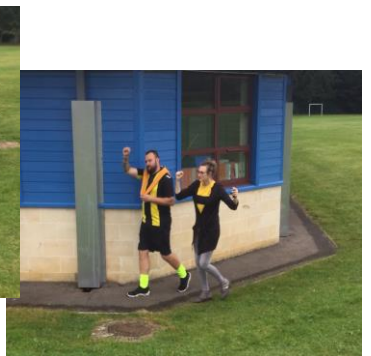
Congratulations to Brandon who has literally taught himself guitar and is writing his own material. Well done to Reagan And Connor for their efforts around wearing the correct school uniform.



And last but not least welcome to Leo who joined NHA at the beginning of September. When in class Leo produces work of real quality and I'm really looking forward to Leo's continued engagement and positive input.

WALK 31 MILES FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

On Friday 8th October, staff and pupils each walked a mile, 3 laps of the school field, to raise money and awareness for mental health. Many staff members and pupils also wore yellow!





PSHE

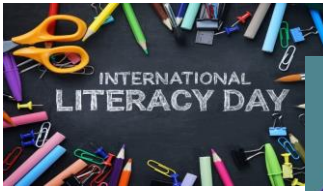
Term 1 with Martyn



All pupils learn about **Personal Social and Health Education**. Teaching pupils about important life topics keeps EVERYONE safe, happy and healthy. This term, pupils have been learning about...

Autumn 1	Being Me in My World	Includes understanding my own identity and how I fit well in the class, school and global community.
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We also have a weekly PSHE theme, so we can learn about national and international events and memorial days. Take a look at what we have been learning about this term!



LEARNING SUPPORT

Term 1 with Jane & Lexi-Jo

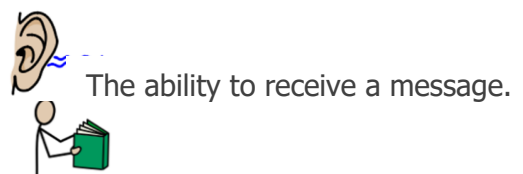
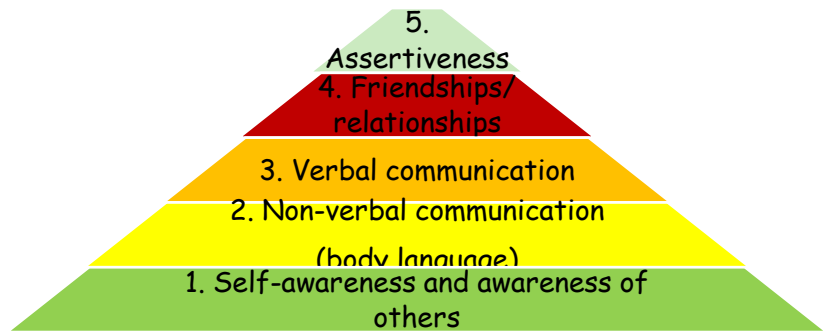
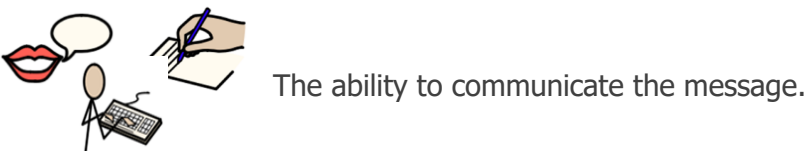
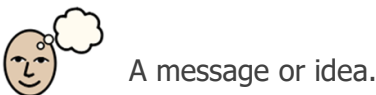
Social Skills Groups

This academic year, some students are participating in social skills groups.

These groups take place every Thursday and are led by Lexi-Jo, our Speech and Language Therapist and Jane, our Speech and Language Assistant.

Social skills groups are a fantastic way to help young people develop:

To have a conversation we need:

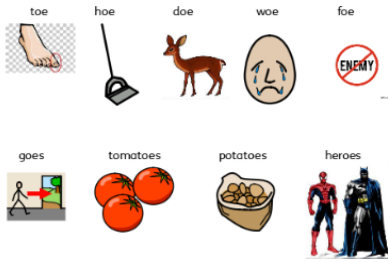


Sound of the Week!

At NHA, we love our Sound of the Week! It is a great way for ALL pupils to developing their reading skills, learn new words, and become happier and more confident with their literacy!

oe

These are some of the words that are all spelt with the **oe** spelling pattern:



CHALLENGE words . . .

Do you know the meaning of these words spelt with the **oe** spelling pattern?

oesophagus
mistletoe
echoed
oboe
woefully
tiptoe

Do you know the correct spelling?
Can you put each word in a sentence?

ew

These are some of the words that are all spelt with the **ew** spelling pattern:



CHALLENGE words . . .

Do you know the meaning of these words spelt with the **ew** spelling pattern?

shrew
sewerage
shrewd
skewer
newt
jewellery
mildew
spewed
nephew
pew

Do you know the correct spelling?
Can you put each word in a sentence?

ph

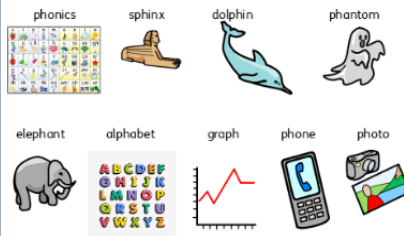
CHALLENGE words . . .

Do you know the meaning of these words spelt with the **ph** spelling pattern?

physical
symphony
pharmacy
sophisticated
autobiography
triumphant
geography
amphibian
pamphlet
hyphen

Do you know the correct spelling?
Can you put each word in a sentence?

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TODAY A
READER.
TOMORROW
A LEADER!

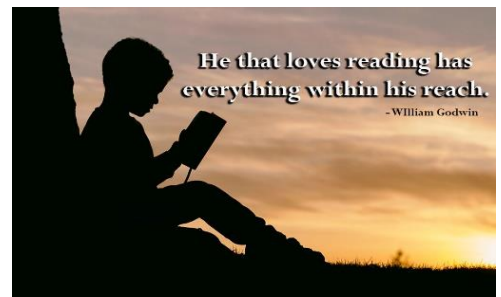


"The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go."



He that loves reading has
everything within his reach.

-William Godwin



A DAY AT THE LAKES!

Staff and students really enjoyed a day at Lake 32 for Outdoor Education, developing team work, resilience, and water safety!



KAI'S AMAZING COOKING SKILLS

Kai has taught Primary staff how to cook this week, look at these amazing photos.....



Kai went to the shop and knew which ingredients he needed to buy to make a lasagne and meatballs with spaghetti. He explained how to cook each dish, was patient and helped Lisa with each part of the cooking process. Kai enjoyed eating the meal he had prepared and even took some home for his mummy to try.

We are all very proud of Kai and are looking forward to cooking with Kai every week.

SITE TEAM

With Ben & Steve



Meet the site team.

They work relentlessly throughout the year, keeping the school "shipshape".

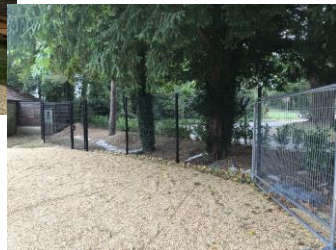
Over the summer we had a large amount of site development happen. Here is a list of just a few :



1. The start of a new front and rear access gate.
2. New roof fitted across the main kitchen, and 3 care areas.

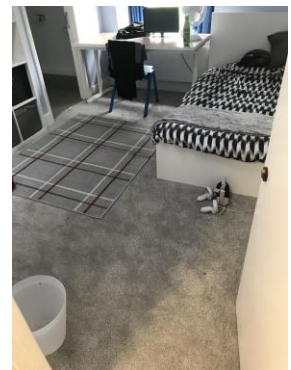


3. Additional onsite parking created.
4. 2 New kitchens fitted in care areas.
5. New flooring/ carpets fitted in boy's bedrooms, offices, bathrooms and kitchens.
6. Many areas re painted and corridors made more inviting.



October Half Term

1. Completion of the new gates and driveway.
2. Refurbishment of the outdoor sheds to keep the site secure.
3. New roof over the sports hall.
4. More carpets being replaced.



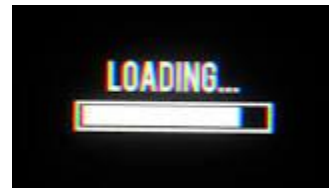
Term 1 Hall of Fame!

Welcome to all of our
new pupils!

Max



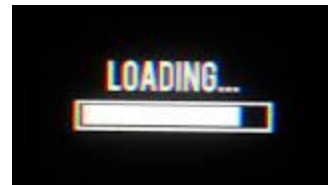
Cameron



Phin



Leo



Taylon



Lewis



BYE, BYE & BEST WISHES

TO ALL LEAVERS!

Every year, pupils leave, when they are ready to face their next step and challenge in life. Let's say a well done and good luck to...



Reagen M:

Level 3 Sports Diploma with Bristol City Robins

Josh S:

Level 1 Construction in Bristol

Harry W:

Level 1 Construction in Bath

Ned LT:

Severn Plus

Jesse JC:

Construction at Weston College

Anthony G:

Impact Mentoring

Joe C:

Internship at City of Bristol College

Ben H:

Apprenticeship

Kade R:

Employment

Jason M:

Internship at City of Bristol College

And some pupils are still with us until they are ready for their next adventure...

Patrick A, Sam P, Josh Mc:

Learn@ Post 16 ALP

Turrell F:

Public Services at Chippenham College



WE HAVE A NEW CEO!

Welcome to Jen Southall, our new CEO.

I am extremely proud to have joined this trust in August 2021 and to build on the sterling work of Peter Evans, Learn@ MAT's first CEO.

My vision is that across our academies we provide high quality learning opportunities and tailored therapeutic provision for children and young people who have been identified as having social, emotional, mental health (SEMH), social, language and communication needs (SLCN) and autistic spectrum condition (ASC). We also provide the same learning opportunities and emotional support for children and young people who have not thrived in mainstream school.

By doing so, we provide our children and young people with the best possible education and to secure for them a positive and fulfilled future. We do this with a dedicated and talented specialist team in every academy, including support staff, trustees and academy councillors.

Across Learn@ we recognise that we are all different and life is not always equal and fair. Many young people have special needs and have faced traumatic early life experiences, which often result in their early educational experiences being challenging and negative. Our aim is to support all children and young people, help them recognise their own worth, raise their self-esteem and re-engage in successful learning with a wide, relevant and rich curriculum. We know that young people's needs don't stop when school holidays begin and our aim is to provide effective support and continued learning opportunities throughout the whole year. This includes offering individual mentoring and holiday camps during the school holidays.

Please take the time to look at all our academies in more detail through the links provided below and contact them directly if you wish to arrange a visit.

If you are on the difficult journey of choosing a new school for your child, please do not hesitate to contact me through, info@learnmat.uk or Jen.Southall@learnmat.uk. We are here to support you in creating a positive future for your child.

Jen Southall

Chief Executive Officer

Learn@ Multi-Academy Trust



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING (AFTERNOON)



We are the CHAMPIONS!

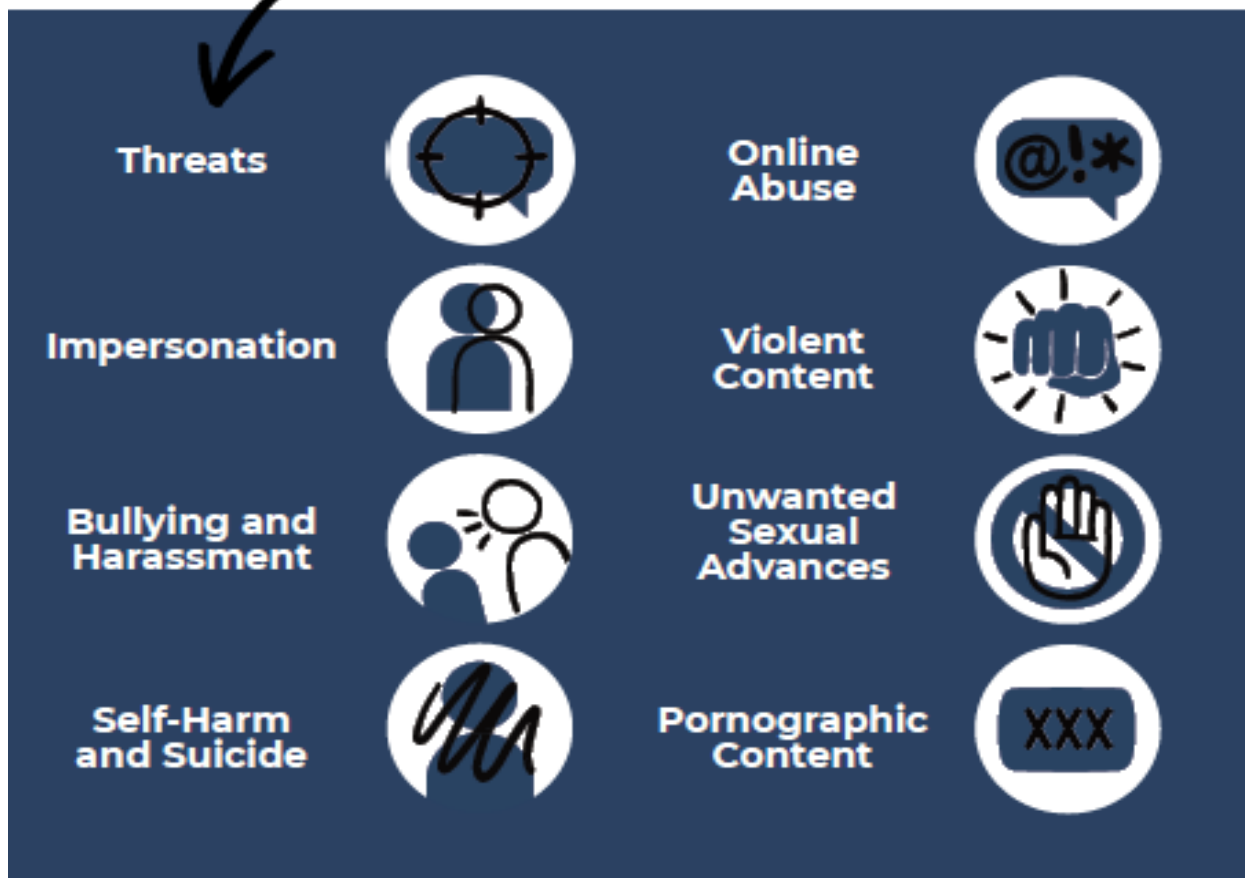
Well done to the Notton House Killer Bees cricket team, on their final win of the season, resulting in becoming the **league winners** for the season!










SAFEGUARDING TOPIC TERM 1

REPORT HARMFUL CONTENT

We can help you to report these online harms



Threats		Online Abuse	
Impersonation		Violent Content	
Bullying and Harassment		Unwanted Sexual Advances	
Self-Harm and Suicide		Pornographic Content	

reportharmfulcontent.com

Please can I remind all families of the Uniform Policy:-



Uniform:

School Uniform

A compulsory Notton House polo shirt (Royal Blue)

A compulsory Notton House sweatshirt (no hood) or grey fleece

Black or Grey Trousers (No tracksuit bottoms allowed except for P.E. lessons)
Black Shoes (no other colours permitted)



P.E. Kit

Students are permitted to wear their own PE kit but this must not include items with large logos.

Trainers (no black soles are permitted for indoor P.E. lessons)

Trousers can be purchased from supermarkets such as ASDA or Tesco.

School polo shirts, sweatshirts and fleeces are available for purchase directly from school. All the garments offer excellent value for money and are made from hard wearing, machine washable fabrics, embroidered with our logo.

Price List

Item	Size	Cost
Polo Shirt	9/10, 11/12	£6.50
Polo Shirt	S/M/L	£8.50
Sweatshirt	12/13	£7.00
Sweatshirt	S/M/L/XL	£8.50
Fleece	Youth L/XL	£11.00
Fleece	S/M/L/XL	£13.70



ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2021-2022



School Holiday



Bank Holiday



Pupil Day



Inset Day



Pupil Inductions/Annual Reviews

September 2021						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thu	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24		
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

October 2021						
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November 2021						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24		
Thu	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

December 2021						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thu	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

January 2022						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thu		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

February 2022						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22		
Wed	2	9	16	23		
Thu	3	10	17	24		
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

March 2022						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thu	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

April 2022						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thu		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24		

May 2022						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	31
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thu		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

June 2022						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thu	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24		
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

July 2022						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thu		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	

August 2022						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thu	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

Learn@ MAT INSET Days: 10th January 2022; 13th May 2022.

NHA INSET Days: 1st September 2021; 29th November 2021; 28th February 2022; 1st July 2022.

Monday 25th July 2022 – Day in Lieu of extra Bank Holiday from 2nd June 2022