



This is me when I first started out as a dog mentor. I have grown so much!



Honey



Nice to meet you – I am Honey

Hello! I am Honey, I am the dog mentor at the best school in the world – Horton Kirby.

You are probably wondering where I got such a cute name from. I am called Honey because I am honey coloured, I am as sweet as honey and I am kind and gentle like Miss Honey from Matilda by Roald Dahl.



A typical day for Honey...

I'd love to take you through my typical day to share with you how I help children, staff and our whole school community thrive.



Morning Briefing

I start my day at 8:30 where I say hello to all the staff at our school. I normally manage to make everyone smile by greeting them and starting the day off in a positive way.



Start of the day

I start my day by greeting children and parents onto the playground. Sometimes children who are worried about coming in give me a stroke and they feel better. I love to see everyone and help them get ready for the day ahead.



Forest room

We have a calm room in our school called forest room. Some children like to come here to settle into their day and take a calm moment before going into class. I like to see everyone in here to say hello and help make them feel calm and ready to learn.



In class

After all my helping I am often pretty tired and take a little snooze. The children in my class are so good at looking after me. They show our school values of **responsibility** and **compassion** by looking out for me, helping me tidy my toys and keeping my water bowl full. I am so lucky to be surrounded by such compassionate and respectful children!



Important exercise!

I help children stay fit and healthy by joining them on our **daily mile**. I help encourage children to enjoy outside exercise. We join year groups to help build our school community where we all look after each other.



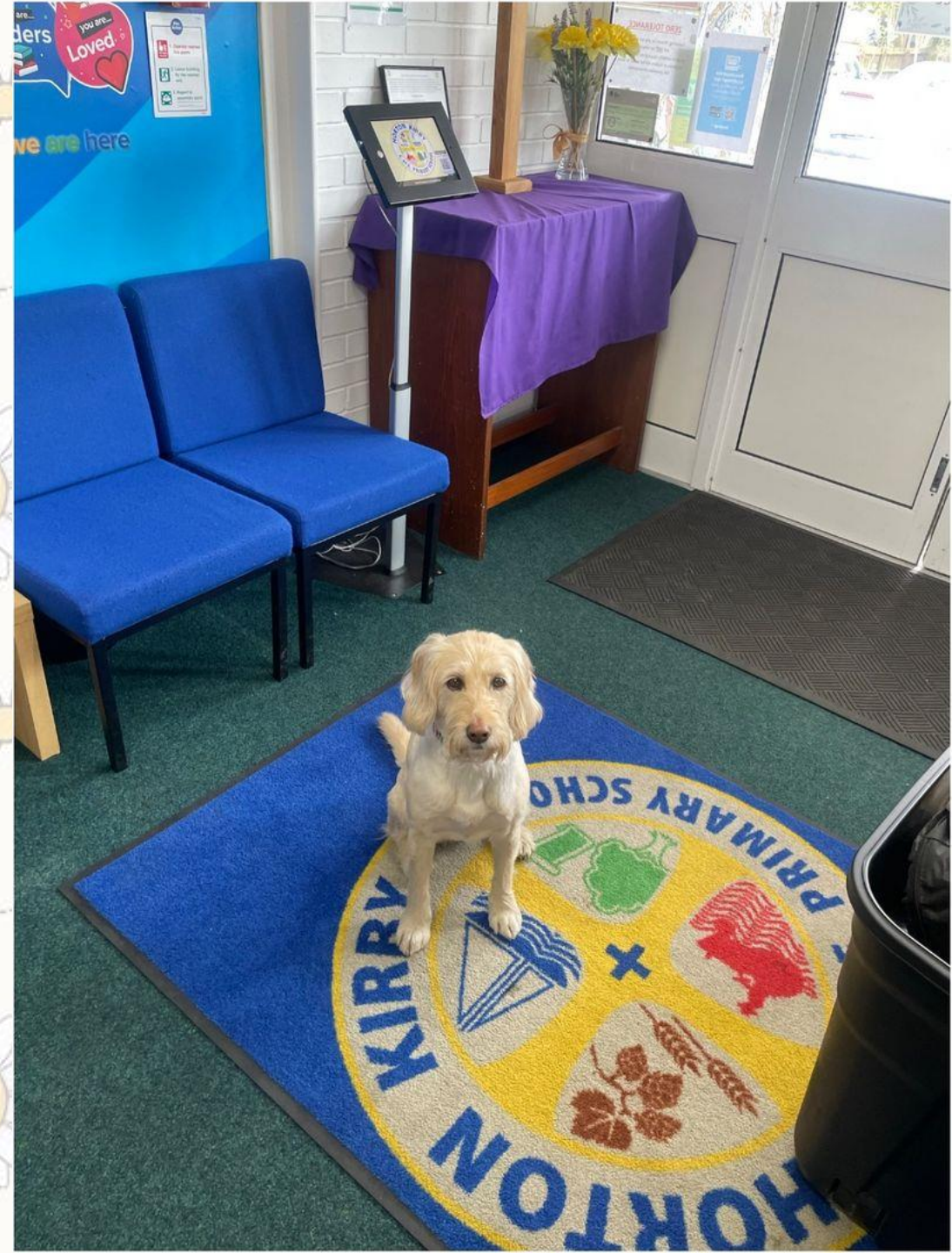
Forest school

On Monday's we all do forest school to help support our school attendance. I like to come and help – some children will throw the ball for me too.



Helping in the office

In the afternoons, sometimes I help our wonderful office staff, I can have a quite nap if I need or help children who are upset or may have hurt themselves. Lots of children find stroking me makes them feel better and calmer.



Reading and encouraging

I love listening to children read – this makes me feel calm and happy but also helps encourage children with their reading and fluency.

I also love to see children's learning they are really proud of. They often come and show me what they have done.



Home time

At the end of a busy, fun and exciting day I say goodbye to everyone on the playground.



After school

At the end of the day, I go home with my mummy, Miss Johnson.

Now it is time for me to relax after a busy day and get lots of treats and belly rubs for being such a good girl!



Curriculum

I love learning about our new topics in school. I like to visit places and countries that the children are learning about to report back what I find.



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Bonjour Willow Class!

I hope you all had a super duper half term. As today is 'French Day' in Willow class I have travelled to France to visit some famous French landmarks. I will send you pictures of my travels throughout the day.

Bonne journee!

Au revoir,

Honey



Curriculum



How the staff look out for me

- I have a set routine which helps me feel calm and know what is happening
- Everyone who works with me has had training through **Jenny Duckworth** as part of the Dog Mentor programme.
- I have calm spaces I can go to if I am tired or need a little rest.
- I have beds and water bowls where I spend time