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Horwood and Newton Tracy Primary School

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Client:
Governors of Horwood and
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Main Contractor:
Anderson & Evans Builders
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The governors of this North Devon School engaged Michael J Smith & Associates to create an inspirational teaching space in which year 6 pupils would explore the world of IT. The school occupies a very constrained site surrounded by residential properties and had in the past bought an adjacent bungalow in order to meet their need for additional space. The land identified for the extension was to the rear of the rather uninspiring bungalow and was problematic being criss-crossed with foul sewers.

The Architects used the lines of the sewers to inform the scale of the new structure, saving significant costs and providing an interesting plan form. The roof, originally conceived as a monopitch with projecting canopy was amended following neighbour objections to a standard pitch roof. The vaulted ceiling was retained within to maintain some idea of the airing light space originally intended. All parties, especially the children find the new space a great success.