



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week many of you will be treated to a performance by some of our wonderful children; whether it is the Brewery Arts Dance Showcase this evening from Y5 or the Y3 and Y4 production of 'You Are Special' in school on Thursday, you are in for a real treat. Our pupils are so talented and listening to their rehearsals for the past few weeks has been a real joy. I wish them all the best for their performances; 'break a leg' as they say in showbiz!

With just over a week to go before the Easter break, I can't quite believe we are almost 2/3 of the way through our first year together. Thank you to everyone who completed our 'thank you' or 'even better if' feedback slips at our recent parent consultation meetings. We have read and listened to all of your comments and thank you for taking the time to let us know the things you love about our school and the ideas you'd like us to consider in the future. Our parent-partnership is an integral part of school life and, as headteacher, I am so grateful for having such an engaged and interested parent/carer community.

Thank you for your continued support – have a great week!

Mrs Middleton



Brewery Arts School Dance Platform 2025

YEAR 5 WOW AT BREWERY ARTS DANCE SHOW

A large group of Y5 pupils represented Heron Hill last night at a school's dance showcase at Kendal Brewery Arts Centre. They have worked SO hard on their performance showing exceptional teamwork, dedication to the routine and respect for each other. Their routine was inspired by their favourite Little People Big Dreams books and made Mrs Middleton cry; it was fantastic!

Well done to all of the children involved and a huge thank you also goes to the staff who supported them, made costumes and props, and championed them during the event.

HANDWRITING AND PRESENTATION PRAISE

We continue to celebrate achievements, progress and effort in all things presentation during our weekly headteacher assemblies. This week, the children below have been praised for their super efforts. Well done! 😊

Class:	Pupil:
Y1 Angletarn	Chloe K-C
Y1 Whinlatter	Jake B
Y2 Outerside	Georgia G
Y2 Yewbarrow	Kai P
Y3 Kentmere	Olivia H
Y3 Glaramara	Maya H
Y4 Thornthwaite	Oscar G
Y4 Blencathra	Jake D
Y5 Fairfield	Max H
Y5 Catstycam	Byron W
Y6 Helvellyn	Myla B
Y6 Scafell	Neeru S



SOCIAL MEDIA

Our X page showcases daily school news and things happening in school. You can join in by following **@heronhillschool** on the X platform/app.

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

If there is something you'd like to highlight and celebrate for your child. Please email

admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk with the subject

'F.A.O Mrs Middleton – Newsletter' to ensure your email makes its way to me.

NB: By submitting photographs, you are consenting to your child's image being added onto the newsletter which is shared via ParentMail and online.



Congratulations to Bonnie B from Y4 who won gold medals at Kendal Gymnastics competition on Sunday for Bar and Vault. Well done Bonnie!



George E and Harry E continue to be successful in their skiing events with another winning weekend for both boys this time at the Kendal Snowsports Race Day. Harry won u10's ski cross and slalom. George won u12's ski cross and bronze in slalom. Well done boys!

Riley J also took part in the race day at Kendal ski club and his team won gold in the team slalom race. We are all super proud of you Riley – well done!



Harrison L from Y3 took part in a fun run at Brunton Park, Carlisle last weekend. What a fantastic achievement!

PREFECTS PRAISE

Our Prefects have been on duty during lunchtimes supporting pupils with their play. Olivia P, Max C, Evie M and Oscar W have been keeping an eye out for children who are being kind, building relationships and helping others. This week, they would like to say well done to the following children:

Pupils who have been noticed:

Zara M (Rec)

Fae K (Y1)

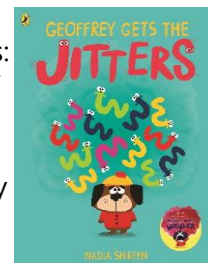
Luke M (Y6)

Jake D (Y4)

ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK....

Focused on our school values:

RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS



We met a dog called Geoffrey who felt jittery and unsure, but mustered the resilience to keep going and face his worries head on.

The children loved how Barbara the cat from one of our other recent assembly stories appeared in the story to help Geoffrey overcome his worries.

We love using stories as a hook for our assembly conversations!

LUNCHTIME GETS A MAKEOVER!

Excitement hit Heron Hill yesterday when our new lunchtime tables arrived.

For many years school has used folding tables and chairs but these had become worn and were not very child-friendly.

We have therefore invested in new child-friendly seating and are looking forward to further transforming lunchtime next week with the introduction of our new caterers TNS.

The new TNS menu for lunchtimes was shared with parents recently via ParentMail and lunches can be selected via the SCOPay app. We've seen an increase in school lunch orders as a result of the new menu launching so please do take a look and see if your child might want to give school dinners a try!

As you can see, the new tables and seating look AMAZING! There were many happy customers in the lunch hall yesterday!



CRICKET OPPORTUNITIES

The moment we've been waiting for...All Stars and Dynamos is open for 2025! Sign up to a course near you today.

What Is All Stars Cricket?

All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-8 years old where they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so.

Every child that registers will receive a personalised t-shirt, bat, ball and backpack. Find a club near you - [ALL STARS](#)

What is Dynamos Cricket?

Dynamos Cricket provides a fantastic next step for all those graduating from All Stars Cricket and the perfect introduction for all 8-11 year-olds new to the sport!

Dynamos is all about fun and provides children with a more social offer, focusing on developing the fundamental skills required to play cricket.

Find a club near you - [DYNAMO](#)

ATTENDANCE

Attendance to school is important for all pupils. Primary-aged pupils rely on adults to get them to school each day and on time. Please ensure you do all you can to get your child into school daily. If you are experiencing any challenges, please let a member of the senior leadership team know so that we can endeavour to help you.

WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE REQUESTS FOR TERM-TIME HOLIDAY LEAVE. THIS CANNOT BE GRANTED BY SCHOOL AND FINES CAN BE ISSUED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY; MORE THAN 700 FINES HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY THE LA SINCE SEPTEMBER!

This week's attendance table shows the number of school days missed in each class last week.

Registration Class	Class - Number of days missed	Registration Class	Class - Number of days missed
Reception - Latrigg	9	Y3 Glaramara	1
Reception - Mellbreak	4	Y4 Thornthwaite	23
Y1 Angletarn	5.5	Y4 Blencathra	4
Y1 Whinlatter	2	Y5 Fairfield	1.5
Y2 Outerside	4.5	Y5 Catstycam	1
Y2 Yewbarrow	0.5	Y6 Helvellyn	12
Y3 Kentmere	3	Y6 Scafell	4.5



SPRING TERM DATES

Below are the main dates currently in the calendar.

We update these dates in this weekly newsletter and highlight any changes in **YELLOW** so that they are easy for you to track.



Date	Event
Thursday 27 th March	Year 3/Year 4 Production 'You Are Special', 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm
Monday 31 st March	Year 5 residential visit (one night)
Monday 31 st March	Start to bring in Easter egg competition entries (closing date Wednesday 2 nd April, 9.00 am)
Tuesday 1 st April	Break the rules for April Fools - Up to £2.50 for 5 rules
Thursday 3 rd April	Swim Panathlon (9 Y3/Y4 children taking part)
Thursday 3 rd April	FOHH Easter Treasure Hunt at 3.30 pm. Mufti - dress as a bunny/Easter costume
Friday 4 th April	Break up for Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22 nd April	School reopens after the Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22 nd April	Year 4 local visit
Wednesday 30 th April	Summer Music Concert, 4.00 pm
Thursday 1 st May	Class photographs
Monday 12 th May	Year 6 SATs Week (to Thursday 15th May)
Friday 16 th May	Sponsored Walk, Reception-Year 2 in the morning, Year 3-Year 6 in the afternoon



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Following the HUGE success of last year's BREAK THE RULES DAY, it is back for 2025!

Pupils are invited to choose up to 5 rules from the poster (see opposite) to break. Each rule break costs 50p and all monies raised will go directly into the Friends of Heron Hill funding pot to support enrichment activities in school.

Break the rules for April Fools

Tuesday 1st April
50p per rule
Break up to 5 rules

- Juice instead of water
- Bring a teddy
- Wear nail varnish
- Own clothes / dress up / PJs
- Crazy hair
- Move seats in class
- Sweets or chocolate for snack
- Bring a magazine instead of a book

Easter Egg Trail

**THURSDAY 3 APRIL
FROM 3.30PM**
Trail starts from the main playground

£2 per child
Cash only on the day

As part of our annual Easter festivities, the Heron Hill Easter Egg Trail is also returning!

There'll be an egg-cellent trail around our school grounds for families to follow. This event will begin at 3.30 pm.

It costs just £2 for a trail map and this cost includes a small egg treat (dairy free option also available).

There's also a chance to win a big egg if you find one of the 10 special golden wrappers!

We have our fingers crossed for sunshine and hope to see lots of you there!

Adult Learning

Eggs-traordinary Easter Fun



Tuesday 15th April

10.00am - 12.00pm

1 week

Kendal Library

Led by Karen, our fully qualified
Family Learning tutor

Have some eggs-traordinary fun making simple Easter crafts alongside your child.

Learn how creative play can aid school readiness skills such as attention, fine motor skills, hand and eye coordination, problem solving, communication, emotional well-being and confidence.

To book a place please visit our website at:

<https://adultlearning.cumbria.gov.uk/centres/kendal.asp>

Or: 01539 713257 or 07966116905

email: Kendaladultlearning@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk



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