



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I hope that you all enjoyed the long Bank Holiday weekend and the wonderful weather that made a welcome appearance towards the end of last week. I've had the absolute pleasure of accompanying our Y4 pupils on their residential for the past two days and really enjoyed sharing this important experience with them. This half-term may be short but my gosh do we fit a lot in!

Last week's Spring Concert was a joy to attend and it was fantastic to witness the immense talents of our pupils in KS2. If you were there, I am sure you thoroughly enjoyed every performance: it really is fantastic to see our community come together to celebrate and champion our pupils. Thank you to Miss Storey, Mrs Lawson and Miss Hildrew for their hard work in organising this. Thanks also go to our wider music tuition team who inspire our brass, piano and guitar pupils on a weekly basis.

Next week is an important one for our Y6 team as the pupils sit their SAT tests. They have all worked so hard this year and next week is simply their chance to show this off. I don't want any of them feeling worried or apprehensive about the week ahead. As their headteacher, I know they are all superstars – I don't need test results to tell me that!

Mrs Middleton



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.



YEAR 4 GO ON ADVENTURES!

Year 4 children had a brilliant time last week on an outdoor education day in the Lake District with Kendal College. They faced their fears to join in with a number of brilliant activities such as hill walking, rock climbing and ghyll scrambling. Staff who attended came back to school so excited by the personal achievements of each child and reported exceptional behaviour, resilience and determination from everyone.

I would like to extend my thanks to the team at Kendal College for their time and expertise in this opportunity, and also say a HUGE thank you to the HH staff team who have supported. Opportunities like this are so important for our children and are not possible without that hard work and dedication of the adults taking them. Thank you!

This week, I have been with Year 4 on their one-night residential visit to Ambleside and Brockhole. What a fun time we have had – yesterday we learned about William Wordsworth at Dove Cottage, travelled on the 555 bus and had ice cream, then today, we have been orienteering, sketching and learning mountain skills at Brockhole.

I will share photographs from both experiences in next week's newsletter. The children have been a credit to the school and to their parents and carers.

I will sleep well tonight.



MARIGOLD MUFTI DAY

Thank you to everyone who supported our plant donation mufti-day last Friday. We were inundated with many beautiful bedding plants and they were immediately planted by Mrs Wilkinson, Mr Murphy and their young gardeners.

By the end of Friday, school was transformed with enough plants donated to re-plant our 50th celebrating beds and all of the planters around school!



READING TENTS RETURN

Now that the unpredictable weather of the winter is truly behind us, we are in the process of re-erecting our rainbow bell tents on the school fields. These will be open at lunchtime to enable children to enjoy reading and used during lessons such as PSHE too.

Thanks to the generosity of those who attended our Usborne Book Fair the tents are full of amazing, high-quality Usborne books for children of all ages. We raised just over £600 in commission which has allowed us to purchase 64 books for our 'reading for pleasure' collection. Thank you so much for supporting our school in this way!

INTRODUCING OUR NEW SITE SUPERVISOR

We are so pleased to have welcomed a new site supervisor to school, David Clough. You will see David around school, both in the mornings and after school so please do make him welcome. David has many years of experience in school caretaking and we can already see the positive impact of his appointment on our school.



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.

The table shows the number of school days missed in each class last week.

Well done to Yewbarrow, Glaramara and Thornthwaite classes who did not miss a single day of school last week! 😊

Registration Class	Class - Number of days missed
Reception - Latrigg	8
Reception - Mellbreak	8
Y1 Angletarn	1.5
Y1 Whinlatter	0.5
Y2 Outerside	0.5
Y2 Yewbarrow	0
Y3 Kentmere	3
Y3 Glaramara	0
Y4 Thornthwaite	0
Y4 Blencathra	3.5
Y5 Fairfield	4
Y5 Catstycam	1
Y6 Helvellyn	3
Y6 Scafell	2.5

Missing just one day of school means missing:

- Phonics/ Reading
 - Writing
 - Maths
- At least 2 of the following:
 - Geography, RE, Music, PE, History, Science, Art, DT, German, PSHE, Computing
- Social time with friends



HANDWRITING AND PRESENTATION PRAISE

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



ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK....

Focused on our school values:

RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS.

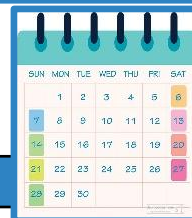
This week, Mrs Wilkinson led assembly and helped the children to understand the importance of VE Day ahead of tomorrow's 80th celebrations.

Class:	Pupil:
R – Lattrigg	Livi B
R – Mellbreak	Izzy W
Y1 Angletarn	Isaac H
Y1 Whinlatter	Albie S
Y2 Outerside	Rupert K
Y2 Yewbarrow	Seth G
Y3 Kentmere	Jayden B
Y3 Glaramara	Freddie W
Y4 Thornthwaite	N/A Residential
Y4 Blencathra	N/A Residential
Y5 Fairfield	George E
Y5 Catstycam	Sophia P
Y6 Helvellyn	Max C
Y6 Scafell	Molly P

SUMMER TERM DATES

Below are the main dates currently in the calendar until half term.

As we did last term, we will update these via the weekly newsletter and highlight any changes in **YELLOW** so that they are easy for you to track.



Date	Event
Friday 9 th May	TNS Food Tasting Event – 3.00 pm-4.30 pm. Come and try our amazing new menu!
Week beginning 12 th May	Y6 SATS week
Wednesday 14 th May	Y1 Wood Matters workshop
Friday 16 th May	Pollinator Sponsored Walk (pupils invited to dress as a pollinator) 9.15 am-10.15 am: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. 2.00 pm-3.00 pm: Years 3-6
Tuesday 20 th May	Year 2 day visit
Wednesday 21 st May	Fischy Music workshop and whole-school assembly (morning) Choir to Kendal Parish Church for the 'Sing Up for Climate Justice' event (PM)
Friday 23 rd May	Celebration assembly (9.00 am). Break up for half term at 3.15 pm
Monday 2 nd June	Return to school. Kenya week begins.
Monday 2 nd June	Family Learning 'Ready, Steady, School' course begins, 9.00 am (Nursery parents)
Wed 4 th /Thurs 5 th June	Year 5 day visit (Catstycam Wednesday, Fairfield Thursday)
Tuesday 10 th June	Reception sports day, 1.30 pm (reserve date Thursday 19th June, 1.30 pm)
Tuesday 17 th June	Year 1 and Year 2 sports day, 1.15 pm (reserve date Tuesday 24th June)
Wednesday 2 nd July	Year 5 and Year 6 sports day, all day (reserve date Tuesday 8th July, all day)

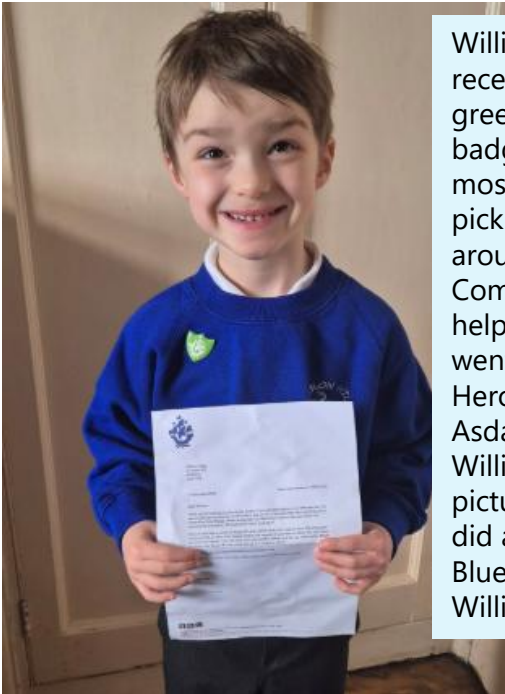
- Please note: previously advertised Year 6 day visits on 21st May (Scafell) and 22nd May (Helvellyn) are no longer taking place. Another day visit will take place in June, information to follow.
- Year 3/Year 4 and Nursery sports days are yet to be confirmed.



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.

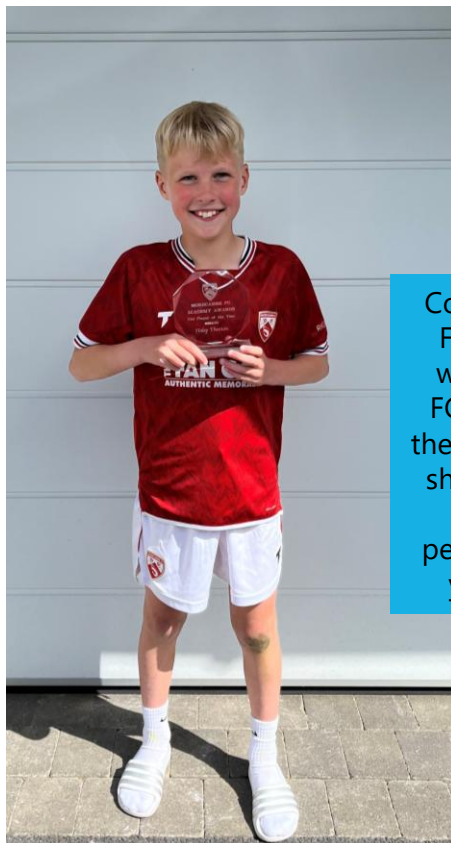
NB: By submitting photographs, you are consenting to your child's image being added onto the newsletter which is shared via ParentMail and online.



William P (Y2) has recently received a green Blue Peter badge for doing the most amazing job picking up litter around Heron Hill Community. With the help of his mum, he went all the way along Heron Hill and up near Asda to pick up litter. William then drew a picture about what he did and sent it into Blue Peter. Well done William!



Isla B (Y5) competed in the 'Faldo Futures' golf competition recently. She played in 3 events: Kendal, Kirkby Lonsdale and Carus Green (of which she is a member and represents) qualifying in all 3. She is now invited to play in the regional finals at the end of May. Well done Isla!



Congratulations to Finley T who has won Morecambe FC's U10 Player of the Year award! This shows what talent, training and perseverance helps you to achieve.

EGGSTRA-ORDINARY EASTER EGG DESIGNS 2025

Easter was just over 2 weeks ago but the Easter Egg competition was a month ago. We have kept you waiting in suspense for too long – here are the winners and some of the other fabulous entries. The standard gets better every year, you are so creative. Thank you everyone.

	First	Second	Third
Nursery and Reception	Jace R 	Abigail A 	Fletcher D 
Year 1 and Year 2	Chester R 	Juliet R 	Kayra Y 
Year 3 and Year 4	Ozric A-M 	Matylda B 	Lotte A 
Year 5 and Year 6	Poppy C 	Sam G 	Isla B 

