



Heron Hill Primary School

Whole-school
newsletter -
Week beginning
2nd June 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

The final seven weeks of this academic year promise to be fun, informative and memorable. We have a number of events happening in school that parents, carers and family members are invited to so please do keep an eye on the calendar dates and come along to whatever you can.

This time of year is when we start to look ahead to September in school and I will be working with the senior leadership team on an annual calendar dates document. This will ensure working parents have plenty of notice of the things happening in school and will reduce the need to check things on a termly basis. I hope this will support our school community in keeping on top of school-related things when family lives are so busy these days!

This week's newsletter includes lots of varied information and a plea for more volunteers for our summer fair. At present, this will not be able to go ahead due to low uptake and this would be such a terrible shame! Lots of planning and preparation is already underway, including some very generous raffle prizes, so we would hate to have to cancel.

Mrs Middleton



SUMMER FAIR HELPERS – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our FOHH group are busy planning this year's Fair on Friday 4th July but have had a very limited response to their call for volunteers for stalls. At present, only 11 people have come forward and many more are needed for this event to be able to go ahead!

Last year we had an amazing day celebrating the school's 50th anniversary along with the Summer Fair. As well having lots of fun and giving away some amazing raffle prizes, we managed to raise over £4,000 which has gone towards trips and experiences for the whole school.

It wasn't easy though, so this year we need your help to make sure we can provide lots of fun activities for all the family. All we're asking for is 30 minutes of your time to help set up or run a stall during the fair. This will mean you'll still have plenty of time to enjoy the festivities and we can share the load - everyone's a winner. (Children are welcome to come and give you a hand too!)

Please sign up for a volunteering slot via the link below. You can sign up for as many slots as you'd like but if you can only do one, every little helps. If we don't get enough volunteers, it will either mean some people don't have the chance to enjoy the fair, can't nip to the loo for a break or even worse, we can't put on the activities at all.

<https://volunteersignup.org/7AKCL>



SUMMER DISCOS

Our next school disco is on the horizon and you will shortly receive information on how to book tickets for your children.

This time around, we are asking the children to decide on the songs we will play. There is a large song sheet on the table outside Mrs Middleton's office where children can write down the name of any song they would like to hear and dance to. These will then be added onto the disco playlist for each group.



FOHH SPONSORED WALK:

Don't forget, you have until Friday 20th June to collect in sponsorship money and can pay the total amount raised quickly and easily via this link:

[SPONSOR MONEY](#)

HOUSE LOGO COMPETITION

I have been wowed by the entries handed in so far for our House Logo Competition!



If your child has not collected a sheet yet, do not worry, there is still time to enter!

Shield sheets can be collected from outside my office and should be handed back in there too. Entries will close on Friday 13th June 2025. GOOD LUCK!

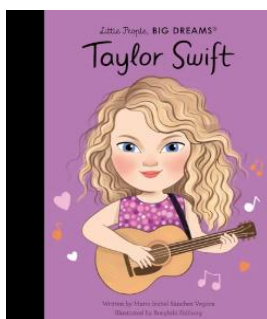


HANDWRITING AND PRESENTATION PRAISE

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 an inspirational person as part of our new Little People Big Dreams assembly series.



This week, we shared the story of Taylor Swift and focused on the values of resilience and kindness as we heard her story.

We were inspired by her determination to be a successful singer and amazed that she began writing her own songs at just 11 years old!

Class:	Pupil:
Y1 Angletarn	Poppy S
Y1 Whinlatter	Beatrix K
Y2 Outerside	Theo V
Y2 Yewbarrow	Emmy H-D
Y3 Kentmere	Cathy P
Y3 Glaramara	Harry F
Y4 Thornthwaite	Evie F
Y4 Blencathra	Bonnie B
Y5 Fairfield	Henry B
Y5 Catstycam	N/A on trip
Y6 Helvellyn	Chris H
Y6 Scafell	Noah H



SING UP FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE:

Our wonderful, 60-strong choir took part in this event at Kendal Parish Church on Wednesday 21st May. Led by Fischy Music and our very own Mrs Lawson, they joined with nearly 200 children from other schools from around Cumbria to celebrate life in song, reflect on what is wrong with our planet, and be encouraged to raise their voices to make a difference.



With support from artist and great friend of Heron Hill, Kerry Howarth, the children created two striking banners during this event with their messages to our leaders about what they should do to change things. The Mayor of Kendal was watching the fun - some of our Y6 pupils did a fantastic job of explaining to him what they have been learning, and showing off the art work that was also on display. The banners will be on display in our school for a couple of weeks before heading off to be exhibited at the Cumbria Youth Climate Summit in Barrow, which will draw together children from 23 schools, including some of our own Eco-Councillors. Well done choir!

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 for the last week of half term.

Registration Class	Class - Number of days missed
Reception - Latrigg	13
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Y1 Angletarn	3
Y1 Whinlatter	4
Y2 Outerside	9
Y2 Yewbarrow	14
Y3 Kentmere	2
Y3 Glaramara	6
Y4 Thornthwaite	3.5
Y4 Blencathra	8
Y5 Fairfield	5
Y5 Catstycam	9
Y6 Helvellyn	8.5
Y6 Scafell	11

Sadly, none of our classes had 100% attendance for the final week of last half-term. Some of this was due to genuine sickness absence but the majority was due to families taking children out of school for term-time holidays. As a result, several referrals for fining have been made to the Local Authority.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Thank you for your recent feedback on school's use of social media. It was clear from the responses received that parents do not support school continuing to use X/Twitter as a social media platform.

At school we talk to the children constantly about our values of **RESPECT, RELATIONSHIPS and RESPONSIBILITY**, always emphasising the power of kindness and collaboration.

Unfortunately, X no longer appears to align with these values or our ethos so our school account will be closing at the end of July. We will no longer use X/Twitter to communicate the excellent things happening in school and will instead look at alternative providers.

Watch this space to find out more!

FISCHY MUSIC VISIT

Thanks to generous funding from FOHH, our children enjoyed a visit from Fischy Music just before the holidays.



The high-energy singing assembly and concert included many of our favourites such as 'Build Up' and 'You Are a Star!' as well as singing the Swahili version of the Fischy song 'What Kind of World Are We Passing On?', which was translated by our friends in Kenya.

Our Y6 children also gave us a rendition of their very own song that they composed with Fischy Music that morning...watch this space, as we are sure you have not heard the last of them!

You can enjoy some of our favourite Fischy songs at home by following this link: <https://fischytones.com/>

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.



Hudson D, Kayra Y, Carter W, Samuel R and Alfie H from Y2 all played in the Kent Valley League Finals today, and they won with their team Wattsfield Football Club!

The boys have played their hearts out over the past couple of weeks to get to the finals! Well done boys – we are so proud of you!



Walk to School Week starts on Monday 9th June. For 5 days we would like every Heron Hill School family to ditch the car (or park at the Leisure Centre) and walk, cycle or scoot to school. Help your child to be able to collect stickers on their way into school.

Please note, only children who have passed Level 2 Bikeability training in Year 5, and whose parents have signed to give consent, can cycle independently to school, all other child cyclists need adult supervision.

We still need more volunteers to give out stickers 8.30 am to 8.50 am, especially for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you can help, please contact Mrs Lehane in the school office via admin1@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk.



Westmorland
& Furness
Council

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Your community is calling for a
20mph speed limit

Have your say

Your Town Council has provisionally secured funding through Westmorland and Furness Council to reduce the speed limit in your area to 20mph, to promote safer roads, reduce vehicle noise and enhance the environment for more walking and cycling.

Speed limits will only be reduced to 20mph if your wider community supports the scheme.

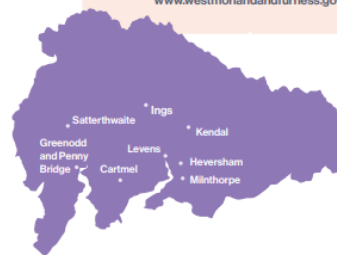
Have your say on the proposal by completing the Council's consultation before Friday 18 July:

- Online at www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/20mph
- At Grange, Kendal, Milnthorpe and Ulverston Libraries
- In select public buildings within your community

You can also share your views with the Westmorland and Furness 20mph team from 2pm to 5:30pm at:

- Penrith Library on Tuesday 24th June
- Barrow Library on Wednesday 25th June
- Kendal Town Hall on Tuesday 8th July

To view the proposals and find out more, visit www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/20mph.



Scan here for
more information



SUMMER TERM DATES

Below are most of the main dates currently in the calendar until the end of 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
Monday 2 nd June	Return to school. Kenya week begins. Friday 6 th June is an OPTIONAL mufti day for our Kenya Week assembly. Pupils can wear clothing in the colour of the Kenyan flag (red, green, black or white) or wear their normal PE kit/school uniform. There is no pressure to go out and buy coloured clothing just for this day!!!
Thurs 5 th June	Year 5 Fairfield day visit
w/b Monday 9 th June	Walk to School Week, Monday to Friday
Monday 9 th June	'Ready, Steady School' Family Learning 2 nd session, 9.15 am (Monday 16 th June, 3 rd and final session)
Tuesday 10 th June	Reception pupils vision screening, morning
Tuesday 10 th June	Reception sports day, 1.30 pm (reserve date Thursday 19 th June, 1.30 pm)
Weds 11 th June	Year 5 day visit
Thursday 12 th June	Outdoor Messy Play, 1.30 pm-3.00 pm
Friday 13 th June	Year 3 day visit (arrive at school for 8.00 am)
Friday 13 th June	Nursery sports day, 2.00 pm (arrive from 1.45 pm)
Monday 16 th June	Year 6 visit, afternoon only
Monday 16 th June	Friends of Heron Hill Discos (more information to follow)
Tuesday 17 th June	Year 1 and Year 2 sports day, 1.15 pm (reserve date Tuesday 24 th June)
Wed 18 th June	Year 6 Scafell day visit
Wed 18 th June	Year 5 Enterprise Fair, 2.30 pm-4.00 pm. Please come and support our Year 5 entrepreneurs
Thursday 19 th June	Year 6 Helvellyn day visit
Thursday 19 th June	Year 3 and Year 4 sports day: 9.30 am Year 3 track races, Year 4 team events. 1.15 pm – Year 4 track races, Year 3 team events (reserve date Thursday 26 th June)
Monday 23 rd June	Year 6 parents workshop 'Year 7 and Beyond', 9.15 am-11.15 am
Thursday 26 th June	Reception New Starters' Evening – Parents Information Meeting, 5.30 pm
Friday 27 th June	Reception day visit
Monday 30 th June	Year 6 at induction days at KKS, QKS and QES
Wednesday 2 nd July	Year 5 and Year 6 sports day, all day (reserve date Tuesday 8 th July, all day) 9.30 am – Year 6 track races, Year 5 team events; 1.15 pm – Year 5 track races, Year 6 team events
Thursday 3 rd July	Moving up morning – transition morning with new teacher
Friday 4 th July	Friends of Heron Hill Summer Fair
Wednesday 9 th July	Year 5 visit in the afternoon, early lunch
Wednesday 9 th July	Year 6 production, 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm
Friday 11 th July	Reports to parents
Friday 18 th July	End of term, 3.15 pm