



Heron Hill Primary School

Whole-school
newsletter -
Week beginning
9th June 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Thank you to those of you who heard my plea for FOHH helpers for our annual Summer Fair last week and signed up to support. If you missed this or didn't get around to responding, please do! We are still short of helpers and may need to downscale our plans or cancel if we don't have more helpers come forward. One of the things I have most treasured since joining Heron Hill has been the strong sense of community felt in our school. FOHH are an important part of this and will appreciate any help you can offer hugely. (Follow this link to get involved: <https://volunteersignup.org/7AKCL>)

We are entering that busy period of the school year where many calendar events come at us all at once and this past week has been no exception. From Water Park adventure days to Reception Sports Day to Cricket Festivals to Messy Play, it is all going on at Heron Hill! We understand that juggling all of these events and messages can be tricky in amongst the busy-ness of family life. We hope our calendar events section of this newsletter helps you to keep on top of things but if you are ever unsure, please just ask our friendly office team who will be happy to help you.

This week's edition of our newsletter includes not one but two pages of out-of-school achievements! What a talented bunch our Heron Hill pupils are! They are so lucky to engage with such a wide range of extra-curricular activities and to have parents/carers supporting them to develop their talents. You must all be so proud!

Mrs Middleton



PE UNIFORM FEEDBACK:

Thank you to everyone who offered their views on PE t-shirts for next academic year. After reviewing the results, there was a real mix of views from keeping white cotton t-shirts (as these are so cheap and readily available) to changing them and having new house-coloured t-shirts to support the pupils in their decision to bring back houses and house points to Heron Hill.

As there was no clear, popular opinion, we have decided to maintain white t-shirts for the next academic year and not make any uniform changes.

Next academic year we plan to further develop our outdoor education curriculum and active provision for pupils so we may re-consult with parents about our school uniform if this is needed. For now, please continue to ensure that any new uniform purchases meet the criteria outlined on our school website:

[Heron Hill Primary School - Uniform](#)



SUMMER DISCOS

The school discos are almost upon us and are planned for next Monday evening. Details came out last week via ParentMail but can also be found here:

Timings:

- Nursery and Reception: 4.00 pm-4.45 pm (parent/carer to stay for the whole disco)
- Years 1/2/3: 5.15 pm-6.00 pm
- Years 4/5/6: 6.30 pm-7.15 pm

Pre-booking is essential so that we know how many children to expect. Booking and payment can only be made via this link - it works best if you use a laptop/desktop (see more information in the link):

<https://bookwhen.com/friendsofheronhill/ev-s4ea-20250616160000>



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! 😊

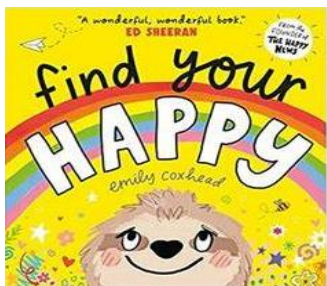
Class:	Pupil:
Rec- Mellbreak	Zara M
Rec- Lattrigg	Theo L
Y1 Angletarn	Regan A
Y1 Whinlatter	Kole T
Y2 Outerside	Emily T
Y2 Yewbarrow	Lucas K
Y3 Kentmere	Max N
Y3 Glaramara	Harrison L
Y4 Thornthwaite	Luca S
Y4 Blencathra	Charlie K
Y5 Fairfield	Flynn O
Y5 Catstycam	Evie G
Y6 Helvellyn	Kazandra M
Y6 Scafell	Matilda C



ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK....

Focused on our school values:

RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS – RESILIENCE.



We talked specifically about 'The Heron Hill Way' our school jigsaw puzzle and how we can all turn a bad day around if we have one.

The story 'Find Your Happy' includes a wise sloth who shares different ideas for how you can turn a negative emotion such as sadness, fear, boredom or anger into something new.



YEAR 5 HAVE A DAY FILLED WITH ADVENTURE AT CONISTON WATER PARK

Last week our Y5 classes each had an adrenaline-filled day at Coniston Water Park. Here, they overcame fears, pursued new sports and worked together brilliantly to experience a wide-range of sporting and outdoor activities. Thank you to parents for your support of this new trip and to all of the adrenaline-junkie staff who went along to support! Memories were made by all and we are so pleased to be offering outdoor adventure opportunities to our pupils again.

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 first week of this half term.

Registration Class	Class - Number of days missed
Reception - Latrigg	16
Reception - Mellbreak	8
Y1 Angletarn	3
Y1 Whinlatter	7
Y2 Outerside	3.5
Y2 Yewbarrow	0
Y3 Kentmere	1
Y3 Glaramara	8.5
Y4 Thornthwaite	3
Y4 Blencathra	3
Y5 Fairfield	0
Y5 Catstycam	2.5
Y6 Helvellyn	5
Y6 Scafell	2

A huge well done to Yewbarrow and Fairfield classes; they were here every day last week with 100% attendance. AMAZING!



PARKING COMPLAINTS FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS

- I have written to our parent/carer community multiple times this year about the issue of parking outside school.
- I have held parent coffee events where I asked for your input on our school travel plan and for ideas on how we can make travel to and from school safer for YOUR children.
- I have been on gate duty regularly alongside other leaders and have approached those parking illegally to implore them to change.
- I've worked with local enforcement officers to try to deter illegal, dangerous parking.

Yet still...

Last week, I was contacted by a local resident who has Ring doorcam footage of a Heron Hill School parent parking in front of their property and removing stone boulders to enable them to open their car doors and get their children out of the car.

So, once again I found myself apologising on behalf of other adults for their behaviour and the impression this is giving local residents of our school. Our school's reputation is everyone's responsibility. The team and I are doing all we can to make Heron Hill School a happy, healthy, safe place to be for children. Please play your part and do the same!



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.



Erin S (Y4) had a busy, active weekend! Firstly, she got 6th place for her 25m breaststroke at the Kendal Amateur Swim Club Gala on Saturday. Then, she got 2nd in her age category at the 5k Park Run Fell Foot on Saturday morning (which she ran with her Dad). Well done Erin!

Sisters Sophie and Jessica (Y4 and Y6) made podium places on Saturday at the Kendal Amateur Swimming Club Gala. Jessica won the 25m breaststroke and Sophie got 3rd place in the 100m individual medley. Excellent swimming girls – well done!



Kai P (Y2) has been awarded players' player of the year, manager's player of the year and parents' player of the year at Kendal United. He's worked very hard this year playing for a team two years older than him. Well done Kai!

Isla Batty (Y5) came 2nd in her regional final event at Carus Green in May, qualifying for the final of the Faldo series. She has had an invite from Sir Nick Faldo to play at the Belfry golf course in August for the grand final. 2000 golfers narrowed down to 200! An amazing opportunity and what an experience she is going to have! Her parents and all at Heron Hill are so proud of her. Well done Isla!





Finlay B and Jamie W (Y4) played for **Kendal United U9 Colts** in the Kent Valley Silver Plate finals a couple of weeks ago and took the win, after a closely fought battle. A fantastic achievement for the team in their second appearance in the final. Now time for a break over the summer holiday, then back into training to start the season in the U10's league.



Harry F (Y3) attended his football presentation day and was awarded manager's player for his first season at the Kendal Rockets. What a start! Well done Harry!



Evie F (Y6) competed in the Kendal ASC gala last weekend and earned herself a silver medal for her 100m individual medley - that's a full length of every stroke. Great job Evie!



Last week Evie F (Y5) attended the Kendal Dance Festival at the Queen Katherine School and was awarded 3rd place for her Modern solo - her first ever dancing medal! She was very proud of herself as she was super nervous beforehand but when she took to the stage she overcame her nerves and gave it her all. We are so proud of her. Well done Evie!



Lily P (Y6) was in a dance show at the Lancaster Grand Theatre last week with her dance group, JD dancers. What an amazing opportunity! Well done Lily!



Ava C (Rec) had her 1st ever gymnastics competition recently with the City of Lancaster Gymnastics Club and did extremely well. She came 1st on Floor, 2nd on Vault and joint 1st overall points in her age category. Wow! Well done Ava!



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
Thursday 12 th June	Outdoor Messy Play, 1.30 pm-3.00 pm
Friday 13 th June	Walk to School Week – THE LAST DAY! What colour will the sticker be?? Please continue to cycle, scoot or walk when you can for the rest of the term.
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). Reserve day Wednesday 18 th June.
Monday 16 th June	Year 6 visit, afternoon only
Monday 16 th June	Year 5 singing workshop (in school), afternoon
Monday 16 th June	Friends of Heron Hill Discos. No Reception Climbing Club.
Tuesday 17 th June	Year 1 and Year 2 sports day, 1.15 pm (reserve date Tuesday 24 th June)
Tuesday 17 th June	Year 4 RE panel (in school), afternoon
Tuesday 17 th June	Heron Hill Team (Y4-Y6) at Dick Viney Athletics Festival
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. No choir today.
Thursday 19 th June	Josh Casson, lunchtime and after-school clubs leader, is back – golf, cricket, basketball, rounders, football are back on.
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
Friday 27 th June	Four of our Eco-Councillors at the Youth Climate Summit
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
Thursday 10 th July	Year 5 visit, morning
Friday 11 th July	Reports to parents
Friday 11 th July	Year 3 Adventure!
Friday 18 th July	End of term, 3.15 pm