



# Heron Hill Primary School

Whole-school newsletter -  
Week beginning  
14<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I can't believe the final week of the academic year is here! This week's newsletter is packed with some highlights from this academic year along with more out-of-school achievements, the usual Presentation Praise superstars and our end-of-year attendance totals... which class have the best attendance in school? You will find out when you read on.

On a personal note, I would like to say a huge thank you to our school community for making me feel so welcome and for making my first year in post go so quickly and so well. We have made some great strides in our school this year, achieved some brilliant things together, and felt joy along the way. Moving 136 miles away from my parents and close friends was always going to be tricky but I am so glad the Middletons made the leap into a life in Cumbria; it has been a fabulous year overall.

It has been an absolute pleasure and a privilege to lead our school as Headteacher this year and it is true what they say; time flies when you're having fun! I look forward to doing it all again in September. Have a fantastic summer!

**Mrs Middleton (Proud HT)**

## SCHOOL'S USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA:

You may have noticed that we have stopped tweeting on the X page of school. This follows our parent feedback survey and the decision to close down the page from July 2025.

We are looking forward to launching Class Dojo in the autumn term. This platform will give you great insight into the daily goings-on at our lovely school. More information will follow in September.



## HANDWRITING AND PRESENTATION PRAISE

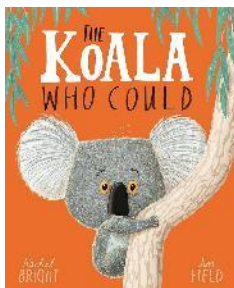
We continue to celebrate achievements, progress and effort in all things presentation during our weekly headteacher assemblies. This week, the following children have been praised for their super efforts. Well done! 😊

Class:	Pupil:
Rec- Mellbreak	Ella I
Rec- Lattrigg	Freddie S
Y1 Angletarn	Felix T
Y1 Whinlatter	Libby E
Y2 Outerside	William S
Y2 Yewbarrow	Seren E
Y3 Kentmere	Ethan E
Y3 Glaramara	Harry H
Y4 Thornthwaite	Darcie G
Y4 Blencathra	Leo G
Y5 Fairfield	Daisy J
Y5 Catstycam	Harley K
Y6 Helvellyn	Elliot P
Y6 Scafell	Oscar W

## ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK....

Focused on our school values:

**RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS – RESILIENCE.**



This week we enjoyed a story that was actually Mrs Middleton's assembly story for her interview task in February 2024. It is a brilliant story about a koala called Kevin who is frightened of change and so stays in his tree, clinging on tightly, missing out on all of the fun happening below on the ground.

We talked about the change that September will bring and how everyone at Heron Hill is on hand to support us, encourage us and help us to shine!

**YEAR 3 CAMP OUT:**

On Friday last week, the sun shone for our first-ever Heron Hill camp-out. Year 3 had a fantastic time camping on our school grounds in tents with their friends. They enjoyed hot dogs for dinner and played lots of fun games too.

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to all of the staff who gave up their time to ensure this experience could go ahead.



Harrison: "I liked everything!"

Jasmine: "I loved being with Maya and sleeping overnight in our tent!"

Max: "My favourite bits were exploring the woods and eating the delicious food!"

Josie: "I enjoyed spending time with my friends."



Darcie: "My favourite part was when we were having hot dogs and playing outside."

Savannah: "The hot dogs were amazing!"

Alistair: "I liked having breakfast in the morning with my friends."



Jayden: "I liked playing with my friends and staying up until 9 o'clock!"



## 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 percentage attendance figures for each class this academic year.**

Registration Class	Class Attendance %
Reception – Latrigg	94.8%
Reception - Mellbreak	94.9%
Y1 Angletarn	96.0%
Y1 Whinlatter	97.1%
Y2 Outerside	96.0%
Y2 Yewbarrow	95.8%
Y3 Kentmere	97.1%
Y3 Glaramara	97.0%
Y4 Thornthwaite	95.4%
Y4 Blencathra	94.6%
Y5 Fairfield	97.2%
Y5 Catstycam	98.1%
Y6 Helvellyn	96.7%
Y6 Scafell	95.7%

AND THE WINNER IS...

**CATSTYCAM CLASS  
WITH 98.1%  
ATTENDANCE.**

**WELL DONE!**



## CALENDAR DATES:

We are sharing an overview of our calendar dates for next academic year with parents this week. These are subject to change or some extra additions (such as year group trips) but will hopefully give you a little more advanced notice on things happening in school.

We are streamlining some events next year to reduce the pressure on working parents for leave from work to attend school events. We hope this will be useful to you.

Instead of multiple 'Welcome to Year X' meetings across school, there will be one 'Meet the Team' evening on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Please do put this in your diary and aim to join us. It is a great opportunity to meet any and all of the team in school, and to sample our new autumn dinner menu too!

Sports Day will also be a large, full day event for all year groups next year instead of being in phases. There will be 2 in total: 1 for EYFS and 1 for Years 1-6. (We will of course still have a reserve day in case Cumbrian weather is unkind to us!)



## PREPPING FOR SEPTEMBER:

Our school uniform is listed on our school website here: [Heron Hill Primary School - Uniform](#)

Please make sure ALL ITEMS are NAMED! ☺

All pupils also need:

- A named water bottle
- A named sunhat
- A book bag

There is no requirement to bring in own pencil cases and stationery from home. These are not permitted in Early Years or KS1 and are optional in KS2. School provides everything that your child needs to learn and produce their work. Please do not feel pressure to buy these things yourself.

# Carlton's DAY

IN MEMORY OF MARTYN CARLTON

A family fun day to support 

Sunday 27th July From 1pm at Netherfield Cricket Club

We have lots of exciting events happening on the day

G77 - Under 11's  
5-A-Side Football  
Tournament

Kendal Dance  
Academy Show

Sports Day Event  
Sponsored by Good 220  
(Lynsey Goodyear)

Playing for the 'Carlton Cup'

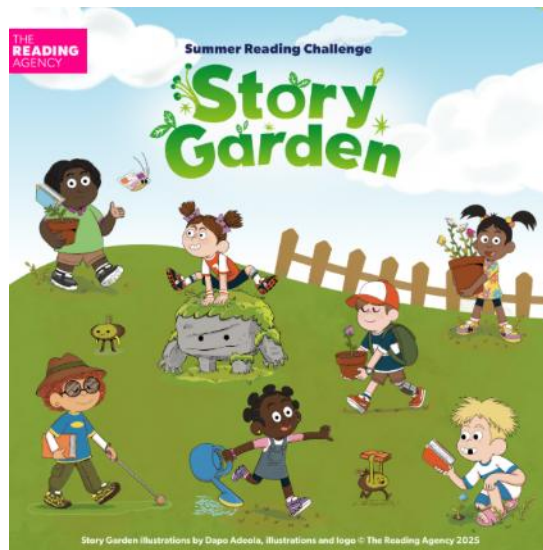
PLUS

Rides from Taylor's Funfair • Giant Inflatable Slide & Bouncy Castles

Face Paints • Games & Stalls • Raffle • Tómbola • Caricatura • Penalty Shootout  
Craig Howarth DJ • BBQ/ Refreshments • Much Much More

If you'd like to be involved or would like more information  
please call Claire on 07495 048145

## THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



Sign your child up for FREE at Kendal Library! We are hoping to see as many Heron Hill children completing this challenge as possible and will have a special assembly at the end of September where children will be invited to wear their medals and celebrate their summer reading. It would be amazing if we could achieve 100 medals across our school!



### FOHH FUNDING UPDATES

As another school year draws to a close, it is important to highlight and recognise the hard work and fundraising efforts of the 'Friends of Heron Hill' community group. We've all enjoyed many events this year from the Pumpkin Walk in autumn to discos to fairs. Every penny raised comes back into school to enhance the experiences of your children. Our most recent events have been well-supported so the fundraising totals for these are shown below.

Event:	Amount:
Sponsored pollinator walk	£2333.25
Summer Fair	£1978.60

Thank you for all of your support!



## Big Summer Sing!

Calling all primary age children who love to sing  
Join us for a fun and inspirational day of singing!

Wednesday 6th August 2025

10am - 4.30pm including mini concert at 4pm  
The Bryce Institute, Burneside LA9 6QX

£25

Drinks and snacks provided - please bring a packed lunch!

Reserve a place via [www.trybooking.com/uk/FAFX](http://www.trybooking.com/uk/FAFX)  
or scan the QR Code



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## 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](mailto:admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk) with the subject 'F.A.O Mrs Middleton – Newsletter' to ensure your email makes its way to me.

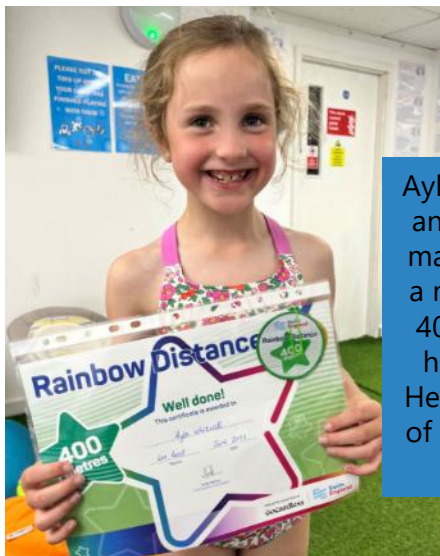
*NB: By submitting photographs, you are consenting to your child's image being added onto the newsletter which is shared via ParentMail and online.*



Millie L (Rec) competed in her first gymnastics competition in Redcar on Saturday. She was the youngest competitor (at just 5yrs old) out of 45 gymnasts. She came home with 5 gold medals and a trophy! Wow! Well done Millie!



Ezra H (Y1) joined in with the Piranhas distance swimming challenge and swam 300m during his lesson! Great job, Ezra!



Ayla W (Y1) recently got yet another swimming award-making it three in less than a month! She achieved her 400m badge and also got her Level 1 safety award! Her mummy is super proud of her as always! Well done Ayla!



Matylda B (Y4) completed a 200m swim challenge last week. Well done Matylda!



Jessica A (Y4) took part in Kendal Amateur Swimming Club's 3rd Gala of the year, winning 1st place in the 25m Freestyle (under 10 age group) and 50m Breaststroke (age 10 and under) adding to her medal collection! Well done Jessica!

We look forward to continuing to celebrate your out-of-school successes in the new academic year. Well done everyone!





**THE ACADEMIC YEAR  
DRAWS TO A CLOSE**  
This academic year has been jam-packed full of amazing experiences, brilliant learning and lots of fun. Here are just some of the highlights of our year at Heron Hill.

