



Heron Hill Primary School

Whole-school newsletter -
Week beginning
5th October 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week marked the start of my favourite season in the South Lakes: Autumn. I love being outside at this time of the year, taking in all of the autumnal changes, breathing in the fresh, cold air and being grateful for the wonderful area we are blessed to call home. We are so lucky to have such amazing school grounds and it is always a joy to watch them transition from summer to winter.

And autumn brings good news.... by popular demand, our FOHH Pumpkin Walk is returning this year! We would like to invite as many families as possible to make a pumpkin for this event over the weekend of Friday 17th- Sunday 19th October. Then, bring it to school first thing on Monday morning so that we can include it in our displays. The Pumpkin Walk will run from 5.00 pm-6.30 pm on Monday 20th October and everyone is invited to join us! Last year, it was wonderful to see so many Heron Hill families, their grandparents, cousins, aunts etc all joining together to wander through our pumpkin-filled grounds. Like last year, refreshments will be on sale but entry is free. (There will be donation buckets and all funds raised will come directly back into school to support events for your children.) I hope to see many of you there.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Middleton (Proud HT)

ONLINE SAFETY

childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

Info and advice

Get support

Toolbox

Get i

Childline have recently updated their online resources for children and parents to reflect the latest safeguarding guidance. In an ever-increasing digital world, it can be hard to keep up with what children are accessing. Here is the link you need to find out more:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

On their page you will find lots of valuable information to help you stay well-informed about social media and how to keep your child safe online.

Topics include:

- Taking control of your online safety
- Keeping your information safe
- Staying ahead of online scams
- Knowing who you're chatting to
- How to feel good on social media
- Trusting others online
- Fake news and misinformation
- Online grooming
- Top safety tips for gaming

We hope you will find this useful. If you ever have any questions or concerns about online use, please speak to a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) in school – Mrs Middleton, Mrs Wilkinson, Mr Corrie, Mrs Jones or Mrs Little.

RECEPTION 2026

Our Reception Open Events for the September 2026 intake have started this week. Further dates and details are below. Please pass this information on to anyone you know who may be interested in Heron Hill School for their little one.

Is your child due to start
Reception in September 2026?



Heron Hill
Primary School

Reception Open Events

Wednesday 8th Oct
9:45 & 16:30

Friday 17th Oct
13:30

Saturday 8th Nov
10:00

Tuesday 18th Nov
10:00

Come and see our fantastic EYFS provision
& meet our wonderful staff team.

For further information, contact
01539 721276 or
email admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk.

NO NUTS IN SCHOOL

**Please remember, we are
a NO NUTS school.**

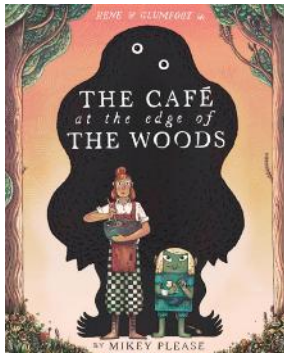
We have several children
in school with life-threatening
nut and peanut allergies.



ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK....

Focused on our school values:

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



In KS1 we shared the Waterstones prize-winning book, 'The Café at the Edge of the Woods' by Mikey Please. This tells the story of Rene and her dream to build her own café of fine cuisine. With several bumps along the way, her dream does come true but in a different way to how she imagined it.

In KS2, Mrs. Broomby kindly shared her summer skydiving adventure with the children. They saw an amazing video of her freefalling at 18,000ft above Yosemite National Park. It was a great way to reinforce our motto, "Feel the fear and do it anyway!"



HANDWRITING AND PRESENTATION PRAISE

Each week we celebrate how practice makes progress in pupil work, handwriting and presentation. A child from each class is chosen and their names shared here on our newsletter. Well done to this week's superstars! Their work is proudly on display in our school hall.

Class:	Pupil:
Y1 Angletarn	Fletcher D
Y1 Whinlatter	Theoden L
Y2 Outerside	Maya S
Y2 Yewbarrow	Libby E
Y3 Kentmere	Peggy R
Y3 Glaramara	Amber M
Y4 Thornthwaite	Harrison L
Y4 Blencathra	Olivia H
Y5 Fairfield	Sophie L
Y5 Catstycam	Alfie T-C
Y6 Helvellyn	Alfie G
Y6 Scafell	Chrissy P

MyTime South Cumbria Primary Mental Health Worker Service

Parent or Carer?

Are you worried about your child's mental health and not sure where to turn?

Join one of our drop-in sessions run by our Primary Mental Health Workers.

We'll point you in the right direction with friendly advice and guiding you to services that can help.

Our online sessions run twice a month no appointment needed, just a safe space to chat and get the right support.

2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month
1pm – 3pm

When joining the meeting you will enter a virtual waiting area where a worker will collect you



Scan this QR code to join the drop-in

BARNARDOS

01539 742626

pmhw.mytime@barnardos.org.uk

CALENDAR DATES



Our annual calendar dates can be found on our school website here: [HH CALENDAR DATES](#)

They are also listed on Dojo for your convenience.

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.

Registration Class	Class - Number of days missed
Reception – Latrigg	3.5
Reception - Mellbreak	0
Y1 Angletarn	0
Y1 Whinlatter	2
Y2 Outerside	0
Y2 Yewbarrow	7.5
Y3 Kentmere	0
Y3 Glaramara	6
Y4 Thornthwaite	3.5
Y4 Blencathra	7.5
Y5 Fairfield	4
Y5 Catstycam	1.5
Y6 Helvellyn	1
Y6 Scafell	0.5

Well done to Mellbreak, Angletarn, Outerside and Kentmere classes who made it into school every day last week! Superstars!



PARKING AND JOURNEYS TO SCHOOL

Sadly and frustratingly, we have received a number of concerned calls this week regarding the behaviour of motorists on Hayfell Avenue.

These include a near-miss where a car cut in front of a parent and their children on their bikes as they approached school, a resident complaint about a parent parking ON their drive and a pedestrian fell on the rocky kerb due to cars parked on and close to the mini roundabout, leaving no safe crossing place.

These examples are giving an awful impression of our school within the local community and there is little school can do to stop this. Instead, we are relying on the adults who bring our pupils to school to make the right choices, act responsibly and follow the rules designed to keep us all safe. This is the third time that parking/travel related incidents have been included on this newsletter and we have only been back at school for 5 weeks. We really hope to see improvements in these matters.

GROWING HEALTHY 0-19



Westmorland and Furness Council now have a really useful app for parents as part of their health team offer.

This is available to all parents and carers of children aged 0-19 and is full of useful hints, tips, resources and services. It can be downloaded for free here: [Growing Healthy 0-19 Westmorland & Furness | HDFT Childrens Health Service](#)



ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

We'd love to continue celebrating any out-of-school achievements on our weekly newsletter and had so many things to celebrate last year!

If there is something you'd like to highlight and celebrate for your child. Please email admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk with the subject 'FAO 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 ScoPay and our website.



Lola R from Y5 has been nominated by the governing body, alongside her musical theatre exam group, for a Musical Theatre Award. She could potentially reach the finals next July. What a brilliant achievement! Good luck with your nomination Lola.

LEO'S FUNDRAISING

Leo in Y3 has been working really hard alongside his mum to fundraise in memory of his little brother Romeo.

I am so pleased to inform you all that following their huge raffle, nearly-new baby sales and music night, their total has now exceeded £10,000!

This is an amazing achievement and one that Leo should be really proud of. Their fundraising quest continues details for these events are shown opposite.

Remembering Romeo's Nearly New Baby & Children's Table Top Sale

**Sunday 26th October
11am – 1pm**

**Ibis Sports and Social Club,
Kendal LA9 6DE**

Shop for nearly new baby & children's items!
Toys, Clothes, Books and much more!

Tables: £10 each (payable in advance)

Entry: £1 (Children FREE)

Refreshments available

In loving memory of
Romeo Mackenzie Horn
All proceeds to Abigail's Footsteps



To book a table or
for more information:
07833 556637



REMEMBERING ROMEO'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Ibis Sports & Social Club, Kendal LA9 6DE

**Saturday 1st November
2pm - 3.30pm**



Disco, Games, and more!

**Children £6 (including drink & sweets)
Adults free**

100% of Proceeds to Abigail's Footsteps

Booking via Eventbrite. Please note, accompanying
adult tickets must be booked in advance.



Heron Hill Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs L Middleton
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs M Wilkinson

Please see our school website or contact the school office (01539 721276) for further details and an application form for the following vacancy:



Midday Supervisors (2 vacancies)

Required from 11.50 am – 1.05 pm Monday to Friday during term-time only. Immediate start following DBS checks. No experience needed as training will be given. We welcome applicants who are enthusiastic about working and playing alongside children aged 5-11 years, helping to ensure lunchtimes are happy and fun for them. You would be joining an experienced, friendly and supportive lunchtime staff team.

Salary: £12.85 per hour

Please call in or email school to find out more about the role.

Heron Hill Primary School is committed to the principles and practice of safer recruitment, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children. These posts are subject to an Enhanced DBS Check and excellent professional references.



The Kendal Choristers

At Kendal Parish Church we have established a choir of boys and girls to add life and vigour to our worship. We are very proud and excited to see how the Kendal Choristers have progressed so far, and we are always looking to increase our numbers!

There are many benefits from being a Kendal Chorister:

- Excellent musical training
- Ability to read music
- Singing beautiful music in a beautiful building
- Being part of a team
- Increased self confidence
- Safe, fulfilling environment

And all this is absolutely free!

We are looking for singers from the ages of 6 to 15 years. You don't need to be a good singer, just willing to give us a try. We will do the rest. At Kendal Parish Church we offer all children free singing tuition without audition. Choristers can be of any faith or none. The discovery of music by a child can be life changing, giving them an interest throughout their lives.

Sessions are held in term time on Fridays after school from 3.45-5.15 at Kendal Parish Church. For 45 minutes we rehearse together. This is followed either by more individual chorister training or by a joint short service which gives the choristers a chance to develop their performance skills. On certain Sundays choristers sing at the 9.30 morning service and occasionally at 4.00. Choristers are expected to attend every practice and service arranged for them.

We thought we would make a short video to give you a flavour of what it's like to be a Kendal Chorister. Here is the link <https://youtu.be/SCZ0xlrTTU4>

If you would like your son or daughter to be part of the exciting music programme at Kendal Parish Church, please email, phone or text me.

Jonathan Bielby MBE
Director of Music, Kendal Parish Church
jonathan@kendalparishchurch.co.uk
Mobile 0788 4088 488



Registered charity in England and Wales (802052) and Scotland (SC039557)



Big Sky is a new Youth Presence after school club for children in Year 5 and 6 (aged 9 -11 years).

The club will provide a safe and fun space for children, supporting emotional wellbeing and friendship.

Starting **Thursday 2nd October**
4.15pm - 5.15pm

Please email info@youthpresence.org.uk for more information and a registration form. Places must be booked in advance. Places are limited.

Heron Hill Primary School
needs to recruit a
co-opted governor

School
governors
make a
difference



Can you help?

- Are you able to offer time to attend meetings during the term?
- Are you interested in helping to deliver the best possible education for local children to realise their expectations and aspirations?
- Are you able to support and challenge leaders to create positive solutions for school improvements?
- Do you have education, legal, HR, financial or property management experience?

In return you will have the satisfaction of knowing you are making a real difference.

You will have the opportunity to use and improve a range of highly transferable skills, work with new people and apply your knowledge and experience to benefit the local community.

No previous experience of being a school governor is necessary – training on the role is available.

If you can and are interested to help, please contact:

Lucy Middleton (Headteacher) or Alison Lehane (Clerk to Governors), at Heron Hill School, 01539 721276