



Heron Hill Primary School

Whole-school newsletter -
Week beginning
13th October 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We've enjoyed another busy, autumnal week in school. It is a perk of my job that I look out from my office window at playtimes and see your children having so much fun at breaktime! From exploring the outdoor areas to playing games with friends to stomping in the fallen leaves, it is always so nice to see our children engaging in social interaction and having fun!

We are starting to see our enrichment visits and workshops come onto our school calendar and this week alone we have had Y1 out on a visit to the toy museum, Y2 experiencing a visiting artist workshop, Y6 planting plugs along the canal path and Y3 crafting slate axes from the Stone Age. It is so important to us to make learning as engaging and hands-on as we can for your children. I am sure you have loved hearing about these adventures over the dinner table this week.

As we approach the final week of this half term, I'd like to thank you all for your support this half term and also remind you that half term begins early for our pupils next week. We have a staff training day focusing on Phonics on Friday 24th October so school is closed to all pupils on this day. I look forward to seeing your pumpkin creations on Monday (20th) and hope to see lots of you from 5.00 pm for our FOHH pumpkin walk.

Mrs Middleton (Proud HT)

MESSY PLAY

Our messy play events are back! Following the huge success of these sessions last year, we are again hosting messy play sessions for babies and toddlers in the local community. All pre-school children are welcome to join and we've kept the price low at just £2 per child to cover our resource and refreshment costs. The Halloween session quickly booked up but look out for future sessions.



Heron Hill Primary School HALLOWEEN MESSY PLAY



**TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER
9:00-10:30**

JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF MESSY, HALLOWEEN FUN FOR YOU AND YOUR LITTLE ONE!
£2 PER CHILD. SNACK AND CRAFTS PROVIDED.

SUITABLE FOR ALL BABIES AND TODDLERS!

BOOKING REQUIRED

EMAIL
ADMIN@HERONHILL.CUMBRIA.SCH.UK
OR CALL
01539 721276

RECEPTION 2026

Our first Reception open events last week were a huge hit, with 10 families visiting to find out more about our school. We are looking forward to hosting another open session this Friday and several more after half term:

Is your child due to start
Reception in September 2026?

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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.

SNACKS IN SCHOOL

All year groups have a morning break each day. This is an ideal time to snack on **fruit, veg sticks, cheese or a healthy snack** (such as mini rice cakes or plain popcorn) to give children a little energy boost until lunchtime.

- Please note that *crisps, sweets and chocolate bars are not permitted.*
- *Nuts and any products containing nuts are not allowed due to severe allergies in school.*
- *Fruit is provided free-of-charge to children in Reception to Y2 as part of the government scheme.*



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 '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 ScoPay and online.



This weekend Evie G (Y6) competed in the Cumbria Gymnastics Championships. We are delighted to tell you she was titled 'Cumbria Under 11 Zinc Champion' 2025. We were all so proud of her hard work, determination and perseverance. Congratulations Evie!

Isla H (Y6) also took part in the Cumbrian Gymnastics Finals at the weekend. She performed clean routines across all 4 apparatus in the Copper 11 and under category. She came 3rd on bars and vault, 4th on beam and floor - making her 4th overall. Well done Isla!



Over the summer, Oliver T (Y3) completed the Tadpole Round, a smaller version of the well known Frog Graham Round. This involved 2 open water swims across both Buttermere and Crummock water and running the in between! Oliver completed the round in a fantastic time of 2 hrs 40 minutes. He's already eyeing it up for a return next year! Well done Oliver!



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	0.5
Reception - Mellbreak	0.5
Y1 Angletarn	0
Y1 Whinlatter	5
Y2 Outerside	2.5
Y2 Yewbarrow	3
Y3 Kentmere	0
Y3 Glaramara	5.5
Y4 Thornthwaite	2
Y4 Blencathra	3
Y5 Fairfield	2
Y5 Catstycam	10.5
Y6 Helvellyn	6
Y6 Scafell	0

Well done to Angletarn, Kentmere and Scafell classes who made it into school every day last week! AMAZING!



POLYTUNNEL CLUB

Polytunnel Club are working with Cumbria Wildlife Trust to create a night-time pollinator habitat for moths, beetles and other insects. We are delighted to have been given 500 plug plants to enrich our grounds and attract nature's creatures for the benefit of

the environment.

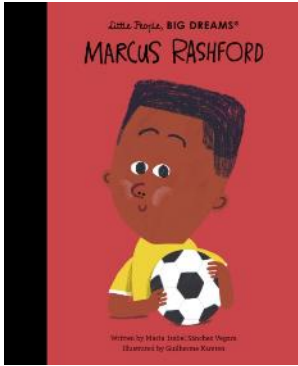
The children will be very busy planting them over the next few weeks as well as cutting back, tidying and mulching as we approach winter. These are some of the wildflowers we will be planting:



ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK....

Focused on our school values:

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



Mrs Wilkinson led assembly this week and shared another book from the 'Little People Big Dreams' series. We enjoyed this story and used it to zoom in on our RESILIENCE and RESPECT values.

We shared the story of Marcus Rashford and how he fulfilled his dream of becoming an internationally-known footballer. We also talked about difficult periods in his life when he needed to flex his RESILIENCE muscles and keep going, like when he missed penalties whilst representing England in the World Cup and was sadly racially abused. We talked about our RESPECT value and how everyone is welcome at our school.



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	Rosie N
Y1 Whinlatter	Freddie S
Y2 Outerside	Fae K
Y2 Yewbarrow	Ellie N
Y3 Kentmere	Molly M
Y3 Glaramara	Mabel M
Y4 Thornthwaite	Jack B
Y4 Blencathra	Freya F-W
Y5 Fairfield	Ivy D
Y5 Catstycam	Ella D
Y6 Helvellyn	Tiffany S
Y6 Scafell	Louie B

GROWING HEALTHY 0-19



In case you missed it last week, 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](#)

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.

This Friday (17th) is School Photograph Day – please make sure your child is wearing their school sweatshirt/cardigan (not Nursery).



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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.

KENDAL LADS & GIRLS CLUB

60th Birthday Celebrations

Sunday 26th October

Free Event - 10:30am - 1:30pm

Halloween Themed

Horror Make Up, Crafts, Tombola,

Demo's By Various Groups

Refreshments, Hot Dogs & Cake

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