



# Heron Hill Primary School

Whole-school newsletter -  
Week beginning  
3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

The second half of the autumn term has begun with lots of rain and a wet (but wonderful) residential for our Y6 team! It has been brilliant to hear of their adventures at Patterdale Hall and to see pictures of them overcoming fears, working together and having fun! I'd like to extend sincere thanks to all of the staff who have given up their time these past 3 days to accompany them. The trip wouldn't be possible without them – THANK YOU!

The next 6.5 weeks promise to be full of fun, festivities and fundraising. In the next few weeks alone, we are looking forward to honouring Remembrance Day, supporting Pudsey, celebrating successes via parent consultation evenings and beginning our Christmas countdown. Our FOHH group have their AGM tomorrow evening (Thursday, 5.30 pm at school) so please do try to come along and hear more about their plans for the year ahead; they are always looking for volunteers to help continue their great work. Many of the trips and curriculum enhancements that our pupils enjoy would not be possible without their events and fundraising.

**Mrs Middleton, HT**

## HANDWRITING & 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	Evie L
Y1 Whinlatter	Emilia S
Y2 Outerside	Charlie S
Y2 Yewbarrow	Rory M
Y3 Kentmere	Frankie B
Y3 Glaramara	Oliver T
Y4 Thornthwaite	Harry H
Y4 Blencathra	Ethan E
Y5 Fairfield	Alfie T
Y5 Catstycam	Mia G-Y
Y6 Helvellyn	N/A residential
Y6 Scafell	N/A residential

## CHILDREN IN NEED DAY: FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOV

Y4 will be hosting a bake sale in the morning break next Friday to raise money for Children in Need. There will be a selection of home-baked and shop-bought goods on offer, ranging from 10p-50p. Please send your child in with plenty of change next Friday to help things run smoothly. No nut/peanut products are permitted, in line with our 'nut-free school' policy.



All children can wear their own clothes next Friday, especially if they have spots on them. We will not collect donations for this mufti day, support the charity directly, if desired.

## ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

Focused on our school values: RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS – RESILIENCE.

Our story this week was 'The Dinosaur Next Door' by David Litchfield. This beautiful picture book helped us to focus in on our RELATIONSHIPS value. We discussed the importance of respecting our differences, accepting our uniqueness and being there for others who need us.



In our 'gratitude is the attitude' reflection, we considered important relationships in our lives and why we are thankful for these. We also reflected on how it feels to BELONG, particularly considering how special it is to be part of Heron Hill's jigsaw puzzle.

## 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.

**Our weekly attendance table will return in next week's newsletter.**

**If you are taking your child out of school for any reason that is not linked to medical (e.g. holiday, funeral, music exam), a leave of absence form must be completed please. These are available from our school office.**



## ROCK STEADY!

The introduction of weekly Rock Steady lessons at Heron Hill has been a huge success. We have 40 children signed up and engaging in a weekly rock band rehearsal and a further 7 on the waiting list hoping to get involved too.



As part of their current learning, each band is learning a Christmas song. **There will be a Rock Steady concert in school on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15 pm where all 5 bands will perform.** Parents of Rock Steady rockstars are also invited to join us so please add this date to your diary if your child is in a band. (More information can be found on your parent portal.)

## TIM FARRON'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

We received exciting news recently... a Heron Hill pupil has won Tim Farron MP's annual Christmas card competition.

We are all super proud of Maisie H in Y3 for her winning design. It is now in print and approximately 1,000 'movers and shakers' (fellow MPs, leaders of industry etc) will be receiving her design as Tim's festive greeting. AMAZING! Well done Maisie!



## RECEPTION 2026

Our Reception open events have been very well attended so far and this weekend sees the Saturday session taking place. This is an ideal time for anyone with work commitments during the school week to visit our school. Mrs Middleton will be in school from 10.00 am-11.00 am to show parents our Reception provision, present what Heron Hill can offer and answer any questions prospective parents may have. Please spread the word amongst any friends or family members you have with children due to start school next year. Thank you!

Is your child due to start Reception in September 2026? Heron Hill Primary School

**Reception Open Events**

- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 9:45 & 16:30
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 13:30
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 10:00
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk)

## E-School Nurse Clinic

(By appointment only)

Twice weekly health support and advice for parents, carers and professionals who are supporting children and young people aged 5-19 years old.



**Tuesday and Thursday**

Telephone for an appointment

**0300 304 9039**

You will be able to talk to a school nurse, the contact will be private, secure and confidential. In consultation with you, the nurse will assess the child or young person's health problem and provide you with the support and advice needed.

**Growing Healthy**  
0-19 Healthy Child Service  
Westmorland & Furness



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## HERON HILL SUPERSTARS ATTEND PANATHLON EVENT AT QKS

A selected number of children had an amazing time participating in the inclusive Panathlon KS2 multi skills competition at QKS. Various teams across Kendal schools joined in. We enjoyed curling, basketball, parachute games, bowling and Boccia. The children were fabulous at encouraging each other and cheering each other on; they were a credit to our school. Well done!

~ Mrs Jones



## USBORNE BOOK FAIR

A reminder that the Usborne Book Fair will be back in school next week, on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November**. There will be a wide range of books and other high-quality resources available to purchase – just in time for Christmas! The fair will begin at 3.00 pm to allow parents to browse without children and then continue after school too. Every book purchased contributes to a whole-school fundraising total that we can then spend on more books for class libraries and our reading tents.

Thank you for your support with this.



## HERON HILL WINS THE SOUTH LAKES SUMMER READING CHALLENGE AWARD!

You may remember our promotion of the summer reading challenge at the local library during the summer term. We were so pleased to celebrate the many children who completed the challenge and got their medals in an assembly back in September.

This week we received exciting news....

***It is my pleasure to announce that Heron Hill are the winners of the schools' competition (for schools with 50+ pupils) with the highest number of completions of the Summer Reading Challenge in the South Lakes area!***

We will be welcoming a member of the Kendal library into school soon to present our prizes and certificate. Well done everyone!



## 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.

## STUDENT TEACHERS IN SCHOOL

We are always keen to support aspiring teachers in their training so have welcomed 3 PGCE Primary students into school this week. They are based in Y2 Outside, Y2 Yewbarrow and Y4 Thornthwaite classes and will be with us until Christmas. I am sure you will join us in welcoming them to Heron Hill School.



**SIR BEN HELFGOTT DAY**  
22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER

## COMMUNITY WEIGHTLIFTING & FUNCTIONAL FITNESS TRAINING SESSIONS

AT THE LAKES SCHOOL

## Local Events and Initiatives



The Lakes School, in partnership with British Weightlifting, The Academy Programme, British Functional Fitness, The Lake District Holocaust Project, and Team GB, is proud to host Sir Ben Helfgott Day, a special celebration of the life and legacy of Sir Ben Helfgott, who began rebuilding his life in Windermere in 1945 and went on to represent Team GB in Weightlifting at the 1956 and 1960 Olympic Games. As part of this inspiring day, we are hosting a series of weightlifting sessions with Team GB coaches and functional fitness sessions with The Academy Programme and British Functional Fitness. These sessions are designed to be safe, engaging, and age-appropriate. All sessions are free to attend and can be booked via the links provided below. Participants will enjoy hands-on, expert-led activities that develop strength, coordination, confidence, and overall fitness while celebrating the achievements and values embodied by Sir Ben Helfgott.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/junior-weightlifting-for-ages-7-11-sir-ben-helfgott-day-tickets-1810355685589>



Westmorland & Furness Council

[westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk](http://westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk)

## Apply for your FREE trees and hedge packs!

Open to residents, schools, town and parish councils, businesses, community groups and landowners across Westmorland and Furness.

Choose from a selection of 10 sapling species including crab apple, field maple, hawthorn, hazel, rowan, silver birch and whitebeam.

Request as many trees as you have space for.

Applications open until Sunday 30 November.



## Charity recycling

We accept coins and notes of any currency, mobile phones and stamps (singular or collections).

Please leave your donated goods in the box on our charity stand at Kendal Mountain Festival from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Thank you.

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