



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Y5 and Y6 had an amazing time last Friday at the Kendal Mountain Festival and the excitement continued on Monday with a special assembly for KS2 led by Jo Bradshaw. Jo talked to pupils all about her adventures as a '7 summiteer' with pupils fascinated by her sheer resilience and determination! I'd like to extend my thanks to Miss Richards (Y5) for arranging this for our school. I know that so many children were inspired by Jo's story so please do ask them about it over the dinner table this week and if you'd like to find out more about her, you can do so here: [Jo Bradshaw](#)

Donations have started to make their way into school for our annual Christmas Fair after last week's letter from the FOHH group about this important fundraiser. It is the perfect time of year for a clear out in preparation for Christmas, so please do send in any toys, games and gifts that are still in good condition. FOHH are still looking for volunteers to help with the smooth running of the fair. They have broken the evening up into smaller, manageable slots which will enable you to both help and enjoy the stalls with your own children. If you can help, please sign up here: [VolunteerSignup - Online volunteer signup sheets - FOHH Christmas Fair 5th December signup sheet](#) Thank you to everyone who has already signed up and volunteered their time – we can't run the fair without you!

I hope you all have a brilliant week.

Mrs Middleton, HT

ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

Focused on our school values:

RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS – RESILIENCE.



We zoomed in on the **RELATIONSHIPS** value this week as we concentrated on how we need to remember that our own actions affect others and that actions bring consequences too. Sometimes these can be good consequences and other times, negative consequences.

We shared the story 'Hank Goes Honk' by Maudie Powell-Tuck and Duncan Beedie. Hank is a rather silly goose whose actions sometimes ruin things for others. Throughout the story, he learns the importance of being considerate to others.

This was a funny story with an important message and the children really enjoyed seeing the illustrations of Duncan Beedie again after enjoying his other story 'Heavy Metal Badger' last academic year.

HANDWRITING & PRESENTATION PRAISE

Each week we celebrate how practice makes progress in pupil work, handwriting and presentation. Well done to this week's superstars! Their work is proudly on display in our school hall.

Class:	Pupil:
Y1 Angletarn	Ava C
Y1 Whinlatter	Airah B
Y2 Outerside	Axel H
Y2 Yewbarrow	George J
Y3 Kentmere	Kayra Y
Y3 Glaramara	Harry T
Y4 Thornthwaite	Jayden B
Y4 Blencathra	Bradley G
Y5 Fairfield	Jessica A
Y5 Catstycam	Cara B
Y6 Helvellyn	Sophie H
Y6 Scafell	Kady M

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 attendance table for last week is shown below. This shows the number of days missed in each class last week:

Registration Class	Class - Number of days missed
Reception – Latrigg	4.5
Reception - Mellbreak	1.5
Y1 Angletarn	0
Y1 Whinlatter	1
Y2 Outerside	4.5
Y2 Yewbarrow	1
Y3 Kentmere	4
Y3 Glaramara	1
Y4 Thornthwaite	5
Y4 Blencathra	9.5
Y5 Fairfield	3.5
Y5 Catstycam	5
Y6 Helvellyn	5
Y6 Scafell	3

Well done to Angletarn class who achieved 100% attendance last week!

Whinlatter, Yewbarrow and Glaramara classes were so close with just 1 day lost.



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

We have a huge amount of pre-loved uniform in all sizes in stock (school sweatshirts/cardigans up to 32 (11-12 yrs) .

If you need jumpers, cardigans, trousers, skirts or polo shirts, please ask or email the school office who will very happily provide families with whatever they may need. All we ask is a small donation which goes to support the excellent work Friends of Heron Hill do in funding enrichment educations visits and residentials for the children.

There is also a growing number of abandoned coats and unnamed uniform in our lost property unit near the office. Please come in and have a rummage if your child has lost anything.

Westmorland & Furness Council

westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

Apply for your FREE trees!

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

Choose from a selection of sapling species including field maple, hawthorn, hazel, rowan, silver birch and yew.

All carefully chosen for their suitability to pots, small gardens and larger outdoor spaces.

Applications open until Sunday 30 November.





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.



Harrison L (Y4) and his Grandad were interviewed on stage as part of the KMF cycling session. He talked about being the youngest member of Kendal Cycling Club to complete their 10 in 10 challenges earlier this year. What a great achievement! Well done Harrison!

Amelie W (Nursery) is so proud of herself for swimming 25 metres backstroke! A phenomenal achievement for such a young swimmer - well done Amelie!



George and Harry E were on the main stage for snow night this Saturday at Kendal Mountain Festival. It was very brave of them, speaking in front of a sell out crowd like that! They also skied with Chemmy the Ski Sunday presenter and George was featured in a movie shown. Well done boys!

Is your child due to start Reception in September 2026?



Heron Hill Primary School

Reception Open Events

More dates added

Thursday 4th Dec
9:15am

Friday 12th Dec
9:15am

Wednesday 7th January
1:30pm & 4:30pm

Deadline for Reception applications (Sep 2026 start) is January 15th 2026

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.

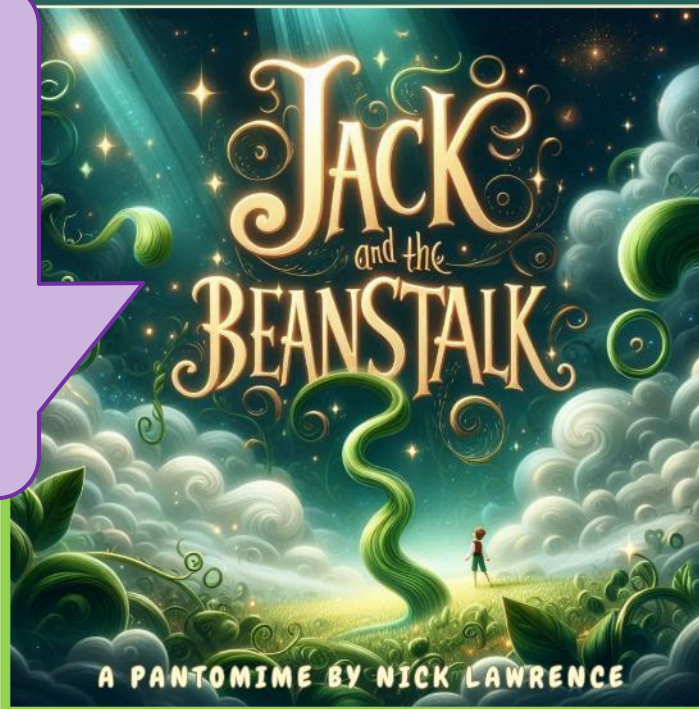
RECEPTION OPEN EVENTS

Our open events have been extremely popular this year so we have added more dates to meet demand. Please share the flyer opposite with any friends or family who are looking for Reception places in 2026. Thank you!



BURNESIDE AMATEUR THEATRICAL SOCIETY

Several Heron Hill pupils are in this pantomime. Please do consider supporting them and popping along to see a show.



Performance Dates
Friday 9th 2026 January 7:30pm
Saturday 10th 2026 January
2:00pm & 7:30pm
Sunday 11th 2026 January 2:00pm
Wednesday 14th 2026 January 7:30pm
Thursday 15th January 2026 7:30pm
Friday 16th January 2026 7:30pm
Saturday 17th January 2026
2:00pm & 7:30pm

the **Bryce** Burneside



Tickets
Adults £12.00
Under 16s £8.00
Concessions £10.00 (14th/15th Only)

Box Office: www.batsburneside.co.uk
Telephone: 07792 777213
Email: batsproductions000@gmail.com

Heron Hill will be creating a tree for this annual festival. We look forward to seeing our pupils' creativity on show.

Annual Charities *Christmas Tree Festival* at Kendal Parish Church



Opening times from 28th November

Fridays - 3.30pm - 5pm

Saturdays - 10am - 4pm • Sundays - 12pm - 4pm

LATE NIGHT OPENING Friday 19th - 3.30pm - 8pm

Christmas Week -

Mon 22nd, Tue 23rd & Wed 24th - 10am - 4pm

Entry £1.50, children free • Refreshments available during the festival
General church opening times • Daily 9am - 3pm

For further information:

www.kendalparishchurch.co.uk

Local Events and Initiatives



Remembering Romeo's

 **NEARLY NEW
BABY & CHILDREN'S
SALE** 

Sunday 30th November
11am - 1pm

Ibis Sports & Social Club,
Kendal LA9 6DE

Shop for nearly new baby & children's
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



Our School Values and What They Mean at Heron Hill:



Current house point total for this half term: 584



Current house point total for this half term: 611

RESPECT

We show respect and consideration to all members of our school community; this is important.

We look for role models to inspire us to be the best we can be. We also know that we can be role models; we aim to set a good example to others.

RELATIONSHIPS

We value the chance to work together on new learning, new challenges or new experiences.

We are all important parts of the Heron Hill jigsaw puzzle.

We encourage each other to do the best we can; practice makes progress!

RESPONSIBILITY

We recognise the responsibilities we have as members of our school community.

We take responsibility for our actions, especially when something goes wrong.

We learn from our mistakes; we say sorry and change it.

RESILIENCE

We know that things at school aren't always easy; from challenging learning tasks to tricky friendships, we value the chance to keep trying when things get tough.

We celebrate little steps along the way to progress and (with the help of school staff) focus on what we can do and what we can control.



Current house point total for this half term: 539



Current house point total for this half term: 466