



Heron Hill Primary School

Whole-school newsletter -
Week beginning
26th January 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Today has been one of my favourite days in the school calendar.... Rock Kidz! It has been amazing to hear so much excitement, energy and enjoyment pouring out of the school hall ALL DAY. (Although some paracetamol may be needed this evening for the staff!) I will feature photographs from today's rock workshops in next week's newsletter so please do look out for that.

The RSPB birdwatch this past weekend has caused much interest across school with some fantastic bird sightings and contributions to the 6,992,226 birds counted nationally across the survey. The spotting of 3 treecreepers and a bullfinch in the Middleton garden was a wonderful surprise! My parents in the Midlands were extremely jealous when we told them.

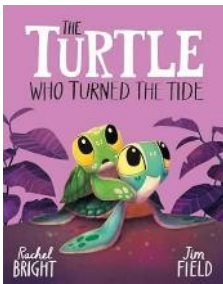
I hope you all have a great week. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Middleton

ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

Focused on our school values:

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



We zoomed in on the **RESPONSIBILITY** value this week as we learnt more about the importance of taking responsibility for our actions and for others who need us.

We listened to the story 'The Turtle Who Turned The Tide' and explored how it feels to make a choice to help someone else instead of thinking of ourselves.

Tula was brave and made the right decision to help her brother Tiny when he lost his way to the seashore.

This was another excellent story from the genius author, Rachel Bright. Her books are so popular in our assembly schedule and this one was no exception!

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM THANKS

We'd like to say a HUGE thank you to Sue L and Natalie G for the time they have spent recently sorting through the masses of pre-loved uniform we had in school and hosting an afterschool sale to clear some too.

The staff workroom is now a more usable workspace for our teaching staff and there is still plenty of stock for those who need it.

Thank you for your time and efforts; we really appreciate it!

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:
R Mellbreak	Phoebe J
R Lattrigg	Adil A
Y1 Angletarn	Ivy W
Y1 Whinlatter	Riley W
Y2 Outerside	Yana N-D
Y2 Yewbarrow	David D
Y3 Kentmere	Eliza R
Y3 Glaramara	Rowan F-W
Y4 Thornthwaite	Elise L
Y4 Blencathra	Josie G
Y5 Fairfield	Charlie-Rose K
Y5 Catstycam	Cruz R
Y6 Helvellyn	Max H
Y6 Scafell	Lisa G



Leo A (Y3) was excited to discover this unique bird in his garden this weekend.

Erin S (Y5) sat and bird watched whilst having her breakfast on Sunday. She spotted starlings, sparrows, blackbirds, pigeons and a robin.



Arthur A (Rec) and his family were charmed to see a charm of goldfinches. They very much enjoyed stopping for an hour, watching for birds and of course drinking tea and eating cake.

Lincoln and Arnie N did the big garden birdwatch on Sunday morning. Not many birds to see; they got 2 magpies and 1 blackbird. Arnie is still working out which way to hold his binoculars!!



Big Garden Birdwatch

23-25 January 2026

You've recorded

	Blackbird	-	2	+
	Carrion Crow	-	3	+
	Goldfinch	-	32	+
	Starling	-	1	+
	Woodpigeon	-	8	+



Matylda B (Y5) decided to do some bird watching during her Sunday walk in Arnside. She managed to spot 8 blackbirds, 2 blue tits, 1 chaffinch, 7 crows, 15 house sparrows, 5 long tailed tits, 5 goldfinches, 10 robins and 18 wood pigeons!

During the 1 hour bird watch Ezra H (Y2) and his family spotted 21 birds land in their garden, including wood pigeons, rock pigeons, a wren, coal tits, and lots of blackbirds!



In honour of the RSPB birdwatching weekend, Isobel and Kai F visited Foulshaw Moss to try and spot some birds. They even managed to see the osprey nest!





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.



Congratulations to Hugh J (Y3) who was thrilled to receive his Bronze Music Medal on the cornet. He passed with excellence. We are so proud of him! WELL DONE HUGH!



Noah H (Y6) has recently competed in two regional Schools Judo Championships representing Heron Hill Primary School.

In the York & Humberside event in Hull on Saturday 10th January; Noah won both his contests to win gold and be crowned Y&H Regional Schools Champion.

Then he went to Wigan for the North West Area Regional Schools Championship where he was competing in a new weight group; Noah won 3 of his 4 fights to take a well deserved Silver Medal.

These results have qualified Noah to go to the British Schools Championships in Sheffield on the 8th March, again to represent Heron Hill Primary School in one of the prestigious domestic events of the year.

WOW! WELL DONE NOAH!

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. Please do not send any nut products into school for breaktime snacks or packed lunches.

THIS INCLUDES PESTO PRODUCTS CONTAINING PINE NUTS.

Thank you.



ATTENDANCE

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	0
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Y1 Angletarn	2
Y1 Whinlatter	2.5
Y2 Outsideside	1
Y2 Yewbarrow	5.5
Y3 Kentmere	2
Y3 Glaramara	6.5
Y4 Thornthwaite	5.5
Y4 Blencathra	3
Y5 Fairfield	6
Y5 Catstycam	11.5
Y6 Helvellyn	6.5
Y6 Scafell	7.5

Well done to both of our Reception classes who were all here every single day last week! **AMAZING!**



MATHS PARENT WORKSHOP THIS FRIDAY!

We are pleased to have 30 parents booked onto this workshop opportunity but have place for plenty more! Please do come along if you can and hear from our resident Maths expert, Mrs W, about how you can help your child with their all-important number facts!

PARKING AT THE LEISURE CENTRE

Did you know that Heron Hill parents are welcome to park on the leisure centre car park for drop-off and collection each day? This means you can avoid the traffic and mayhem on Hayfell Avenue and it is just a short 3 minute walk from the car park to the school gates.

To park here, you need to display a 'Better' parking disc in the window. These discs cost £3 and can be purchased directly from the Leisure Centre reception. With a valid disc, parents may park for up to 3 hours.

BETTER

 Heron Hill Primary School



Parent Number Facts Workshop
for Parents of Y2-Y6 Pupils



When?

Friday, 30th January at 2.15pm



Where?

Heron Hill Primary School



Why?

Having confident, swift recall of number facts is essential in order to confidently access more challenging maths.

Come along and play some fun, practical games and find out about ways you can help your child at home with building their recall of key number facts they need for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.



How?

Fill in the Scopay form on the number fact workshop letter recently shared with parents, or let the office know that you will be coming.

We look forward to welcoming you!