



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

With just one full week left of this half term, it truly has flown by! However, there is still so much to fit into these last days of term: from Y4 outdoor adventure days to the FOHH Easter Hunt to Y5's residential to York, it's guaranteed to be busy, fun and memory-filled.

Due to the inclement weather, FOHH have rescheduled their annual Easter Egg Hunt to this Friday (20th March). Please support them by attending afterschool if you can; so many of our enrichment opportunities would not be possible in these challenging school budget times without their fundraising.

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Middleton

COMIC RELIEF

A reminder that this Friday, pupils are invited to wear something red or funny for our Comic Relief mufti day.

Donations for the charity can be made via our JustGiving link below or in cash on the school gates.

JustGiving page: [Heron Hill is fundraising for Comic Relief](#)



HANDWRITING & PRESENTATION PRAISE

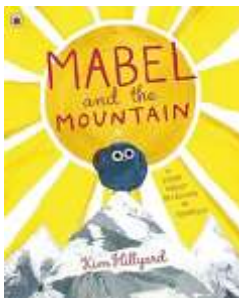
Each week we celebrate how practice makes progress in pupil work, handwriting and presentation. A child from each class is chosen and their names shared here on our newsletter.

Well done to this week's superstars! Their work is proudly on display in our school hall.

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Focused on our school values:

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



We zoomed in on the **RESILIENCE** value this week as we shared a new picture book by the author Kim Hillyard. We were introduced to a brave but tiny fly called Mabel who had BIG DREAMS!

Mabel wanted to climb a mountain and knew this would be hard. She had friends tell her she couldn't do it, saw people doing better than her at getting to the top and felt like giving up. However, with some grit and determination she turned a "can't" into a can, becoming an inspiration to her friends and family.

Class:	Pupil:
R Mellbreak	Max B
R Latrigg	Joseph P
Y1 Angletarn	Archie H
Y1 Whinlatter	Ella I
Y2 Outerside	Reagan T
Y2 Yewbarrow	Dylan T
Y3 Kentmere	Leo A
Y3 Glaramara	Leo H
Y4 Thornthwaite	Harry F
Y4 Blencathra	Esther M
Y5 Fairfield	Jax L
Y5 Catstycam	Finlay B
Y6 Helvellyn	Noah H
Y6 Scafell	Riyana J

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
Reception - Mellbreak	5
Y1 Angletarn	4.5
Y1 Whinlatter	0.5
Y2 Outerside	1.5
Y2 Yewbarrow	0
Y3 Kentmere	6.5
Y3 Glaramara	3
Y4 Thornthwaite	1
Y4 Blencathra	2
Y5 Fairfield	2
Y5 Catstycam	12.5
Y6 Helvellyn	5.5
Y6 Scafell	2

Well done to
Latrigg class for a
second week of
100% attendance!
Great job!
And we celebrate
Yewbarrow too!



We are beginning to receive a number of term-time holiday request forms for the remaining months of this academic year. Whilst it is **essential that school are notified of any planned absence** so that school resource/time is not wasted on unnecessary home visits for absence, please note that **we cannot authorise any term-time leave for family holidays**.

All requests will be processed as **unauthorised absence** and fines can be issued by the Local Authority as a result. You can read more about this here: [School attendance | Westmorland and Furness Council](#)

PARENT & CARER FEEDBACK

If you missed the QR code at the parent consultation meetings last week then do not worry! You can access the feedback survey via this QR code.

At the time of writing this, we have 40 responses so welcome many more if possible. Gathering your feedback is an important part of our duty to do the very best by our pupil and parent community. We read all comments and feedback, appreciating those who take the time to share positive feedback to our hard-working staff and those who share ideas for how to be even better.

To enable us to evaluate responses ahead of the summer term beginning, the survey will close next Wednesday at 12 midday. Thank you!

PARENT AND CARER FEEDBACK -
MARCH 2026



HERON HILL SWIMATHON

On Saturday, 24 Heron Hill pupils participated in the annual Kendal Swimathon.



This event has run for many years and is hosted by Kendal Rotary Club. Our 24 swimmers did an amazing job of swimming in relay lengths for 55 minutes without stopping! I was an extremely proud headteacher watching them work together, encourage each other and aim high in terms of the number of lengths they could swim! Together, they have raised over £500 for school's chosen charities. WOW!

I'd like to say a huge thank you to all of our swimmers, the parents who supported them from the stands and to Mrs Foster who organised our teams and gave up her Saturday to be there too.

Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Jessica A Erin S Louie B Noah H Evie G Isla H	Holly B Ella C Sophie H Sienna R Emily G Evie D	Edward S Jack S Ben P Max M Kady M Olivia G	Leo D Anna H Sophie L Riley J Alfie T Luca S
Total lengths swam: 132	Total lengths swam: 94	Total lengths swam: 89	Total lengths swam: 70

GOOD LUCK WISHES TO HERON HILL CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS

Following their recent success in cross-country trials, 4 Heron Hill boys will be competing on a national scale this week. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Harrison R, Alfie T-C, Flynn O'D and Finlay B the very best of luck as they represent Cumbria. We can't wait to hear all about it boys!



PREFECT PRAISE

Our Prefects have been out and about at lunchtimes looking out for children who are playing nicely, being good friends to others and showcasing all 4 of our school values during their lunchtimes. This week, they'd like to say well done to these children:

Name:	Year group:
Peggy	Y3
Teddy	Y5
Kasim	Y6
Jack	Y6



Y5 BREWERY ARTS PERFORMANCE

We are all so proud of the 30 children who represented Heron Hill at last night's Brewery Arts Dance Showcase. Inspired by their Science topic on forces and manners, pupils worked with a local dance specialist to choreograph and perform an original piece in-front of a large, live audience. They were exceptional and the Y5 staff team could not have been prouder! Our school values were in full display throughout and they should all be so, so proud of themselves.



INTERNET SAFETY COMPETITION WINNERS

There were 9 SUPERB entries into my internet safety poster competition set back in February. They were so fantastic, it was impossible to choose a winner so all 9 entries have been laminated and are now on display around school. The children listed below were celebrated in assembly on Monday and each received a £10 TG Jones voucher, thanks to a generous donation of gift cards from the Kendal branch. (Huge thanks to Mr Gilby, a Heron Hill parent, for putting us forward for this.) Well done to all of these talented pupils:

Internet Safety Competition Winners:

Ezra H (Y2)

Erin J (Y2)

Everlyn C (Y3)

Aubree M (Y4)

Freya H (Y4)

Martha G (Y4)

Sophie L (Y5)

Mia G-Y (Y5)

Jessica A (Y5)

TG Jones





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.

Alistair V (Y4) is a keen tennis player and was selected to represent Cumbria in the County Cup tournament in Cheadle. What an amazing achievement! Alistair played very well and we are so proud of him! Well done Alistair!



Imogen V (Y5) was recently part of a team which won a trophy in a dance competition, but she was also awarded a trophy for sportsmanship, being a team player and professionalism after the way she managed a mix-up with the results. Well done Imogen!



Oliver T (Y3) achieved his 50m swim medal in his swimming lesson last week. This is an awesome achievement - well done Oliver!



Elsie G (Y1) has had a very busy couple of weeks. She has achieved her first certificate from Rock Steady as lead vocalist, did her first exam in acrobatics at Kendal Dance Academy and passed with flying colours (achieving a Merit grade), and has achieved her 5m unaided swimming certificate and medal. We're so proud of her!



NEW PHONE SYSTEM INSTALLED

Our school phone system has been upgraded and now includes a direct line for absence reporting. Our school number remains unchanged but callers now have 2 options once connected: press 1 to report absence or press 2 to speak to the main office. We hope this will support our busy parents with prompt absence reporting as it will prevent the need for redialling when lines are busy. Please remember that absences must be notified via a phone call/voicemail and should not be reported by email. Thank you.





**COME & TRY
Netball**

**SUNDAYS
WINDERMERE SCHOOL**

Year 2, 3 & 4
Sundays 9:15-10:30am
(during term time)

For more info or to join:
www.windermereallstarsnetball.co.uk



**AMS
DANCE & DRAMA
TEAM**

Come and try out our weekly
Dance & Drama classes at Heron Hill School!



In the School Hall
Every Friday
Dance 3.15 - 4.15
Drama 4.15 - 5.15
£7.00 per Session

All Levels Welcome!

Call, text or email
the office
to book your place:
01539730848
07770980913
kendal@stagecoach.co.uk



Learn new skills, improve self confidence
and have great fun!



Local news, events and initiatives



**OUR
10TH
DASH!**



**KENDAL
COLOUR DASH**

SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2026

Paint the town every colour of the rainbow
on this 5km fun run for your local hospice!

Join today at sjhospice.org.uk/colouredash

Kindly sponsored by
 

Kendal Colour Dash 2026
Get ready to get colourful!

- Every starter receives a t-shirt that will be a work of art by the end of the dash!
- Every finisher will also receive a Colour Dash medal!
- Every dasher will receive a bottle of water to stay hydrated





How your sponsorship money supports St John's Hospice
Your entry fee covers the cost of your Kendal Colour Dash place. We rely on you to raise money through sponsorship to help us care for patients and families, at the Hospice and across our communities. When you buy your tickets, your fundraising page will be created for you!

Celebrate 40 years with us!



2026 marks St John's Hospice's 40th anniversary! Raise £100 or more and get an exclusive pin badge!

St John's Hospice believes that on the journey towards the end of life, people should receive the right care, in the right place, at the right time. In 2025 we cared for **205 patients from Kendal and the South Lakes** in their own homes, and **55 Cumbrian** patients on our ward. Every penny you raise in sponsorship for the Kendal Colour Dash helps us to support more patients when they need us most.

Ready to start fundraising to support the work of St John's?
Sign up for fun now:
sjhospice.org.uk/colouredash



St John's Hospice North Lancashire and South Lakes is a charitable organisation registered in England with charity number 1157030



LOC 2026 SCHOOL SERIES

£2 ENTRY PER EVENT

Thurs 23rd April
Ulverston Leisure
Centre

Thurs 30th April
Broughton
Tower

Thurs 7th May
Cartmel

Registration from 3pm
Courses start 3.30pm

Finish 5pm



Thurs 14th May
Fell Foot

Series final and
prizegiving!

MAX SHAW
EST. M S 2004
TENNIS COACH

LEVEL 3 COACH

EASTER TENNIS CAMPS

WINDERMERE
30th MARCH 6th APRIL

GRANGE-OVER-SANDS
31st MARCH 6th APRIL

HEVERSHAM
1st APRIL 8th APRIL

KIRKBY LONSDALE
2nd APRIL 8th APRIL

09:30-11:00 Reception - Year 2 £12 per date	11:00-13:00 Year 3 - Year 6 £16 per date	13:00-15:00 Year 7 - Year 13 £16 per date
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All sessions delivered by Max Shaw and his coaches.
For further info and to book a place please contact Max on
E-mail - max_shawtennis@hotmail.com
Mobile Number - 07917754527
Social media - Max Shaw Tennis Coach
With Course/Date, Child's name, School year, Emergency Contact number and
Details of any Relevant Medical Conditions.
Coaches are LTA Licensed, DBS Checked and Insured

Heron Hill Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs L Middleton
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs M Wilkinson

VACANCY AT HERON HILL

Due to the recent retirement announcement of Mrs Lehane, Heron Hill are recruiting for a Clerk to Governors. More details can be found on our website:

[Heron Hill Primary School - Governors](http://www.heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk/governors)

Permanent, Part-Time Clerk to Governors – Level 2 Required from 27th April 2026 Salary: BS5 £25,989 per annum pro-rata (£13.47ph) Pay award Pending

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

Heron Hill Primary School is a two-form entry primary school that holds our school values of respect, responsibility and relationships at the heart of all we do. We are proud to support our pupils in learning to be kind, respectful, responsible citizens who can go on to make a positive mark on the world in which they live.

We are seeking an enthusiastic, well organised and efficient Clerk to Governors. The successful candidate will advise the Governing Board on governance, procedural and constitutional matters, manage memberships, administer meetings, maintain appropriate records and manage information in line with relevant legislation, guidance and best practice. They will be reliable, flexible and able to attend meetings of the Governing Board and its committees held during the school day, in term time. The successful candidate will be experienced in handling confidential matters. Applications are welcomed from suitably qualified or experienced individuals who have excellent listening, oral and written communication skills. Excellent ICT skills will be needed. This role is permanent, subject to a probationary period.

Hours of work: 152 hours per annum which equates to approximately 4 hours a week for the 38 weeks of the school year (term time only). The role is flexible but will cover approximately 23 meetings a year.

For further details please contact Edward Vitterly, the Chair of Governors at evitterly@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk. Application forms can be found on our school website and should be returned to admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk.

Closing date for applications: **Monday 23rd March at 12 noon**
Shortlisting: **Thursday 26th March 2026**
Interview: **Thursday 16th April 2026**

We are aware of some compatibility problems with Westmorland and Furness Council's application form. Please check your completed form can successfully be sent to a third party

