



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Undoubtedly, the highlight of last week was our annual World Book Day! What an amazing effort from the whole-school community! Thank you to everyone who got involved, designed costumes, applied face paint, got creative, dressed up and had fun. Thanks also go to FOHH for funding the book voucher prizes for our best-dressed in each year group – well done to all of the winners!

Last night was the first of two parent consultation evenings happening this week. Our home-school partnership is an integral part of school's success so it was brilliant to see a steady stream of parents and carers coming through the doors. There is a new parent/carer feedback survey which we welcome as many parents as possible to complete. This can be accessed easily via the QR code included in this newsletter and takes around 3-4 minutes to complete. The team look forward to hearing your feedback, ideas and suggestions.

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Middleton

NO NUTS IN SCHOOL

Please remember, we are a NO NUTS school, this includes PESTO products.

Please do not send pesto products in your child's school lunch.



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 **RESPECT** value this week as we shared another book from the 'Little People, Big Dreams' book series. We use these books to zoom in on the life of famous people from a wide range of professions and this week, it was the turn of Harry Styles.

We learnt all about his determination to pursue a career in the music industry and how this enables him to lean into his creativity.

We then took a moment to reflect on our own hopes, dreams and ambitions for our future; thinking about who can help us to get there. We took a moment to be grateful for role models and the important part they play in our lives.

Class:	Pupil:
R Mellbreak	Abigail A
R Latrigg	Jake S L
Y1 Angletarn	Lexi-Mae P
Y1 Whinlatter	Preston D-M
Y2 Outerside	Felix T
Y2 Yewbarrow	Albie S
Y3 Kentmere	Maisie H
Y3 Glaramara	Robyn S
Y4 Thornthwaite	Charlie B
Y4 Blencathra	Darcie W
Y5 Fairfield	Bonnie B
Y5 Catstycam	Cara B
Y6 Helvellyn	Corey L
Y6 Scafell	Max M



I do believe
 that all of us
MAGICAL
 can support
 each other to
GOOD BOOK
 J. K. Rowling



"BETWEEN"
 THE PLACE IS
 A WONDERFUL
 PLACE TO BE



WORLD BOOK DAY AT HERON HILL

We had so much fun last Thursday, celebrating all things reading in school! From a whole-school assembly (complete with costume catwalk) to a book quiz to book-themed orienteering, we had a blast!

WORLD
**BOOK
 DAY**
 5 MARCH 2026



WORLD BOOK DAY WINNERS

Early Years: Nursery

- 1st Jack T-E - Monster in my Book
2nd Milo S – Dalmatian
3rd Ewan T – Bear Hunt

Key Stage 1: Year 1

- 1st Kenzie V – Miss Muffett
2nd Archie H – Gingerbread Man
3rd Rachael M – Kangaroo

Lower Key Stage 2: Year 3

- 1st Elizabeth B – Minie the Witch
2nd Sky S – Where's Wally?
3rd Hugh J – Saucepan Man

Upper Key Stage 2: Year 5

- 1st Millie G – Lorax
2nd Aila H-B – Triceratops
3rd Matylda B – Lottie Brooks

Reception

- Max J - Pirate
Toby T – The Joker
Tessa D & Samuel F – 2 Penguins

Year 2

- Ava W – Miss Trunchbull
Beatrix K – Magpie Girl
Maya S - Vet

Year 4

- Josie G – Saucepan Man
Freya F-W - Fox
Wren N-D – How to Train your Dragon

Year 6

- Daisy J – Cheshire Cat
James D – Monster Book (Harry Potter)
Holly B, Sophie H, Sienna R, Lola I – Oompa Loompas

Thank you to Morag Knight and Amy Holland for carrying out their judging duties so diligently.

FOOTGOLF AT CASTERTON GOLF CLUB



I had the privilege of taking a group of children to take part in an inter-school Footgolf competition last week (on World Book Day). Although we didn't win as a school team, our children showed fantastic determination, supportive paired work and resilience in the windy weather! We had a really great time and the children certainly got their exercise for the day – walking up the hilly golf course, retrieving footballs out of hedges and using some excellent football skills. What a delight! Well done boys – you represented our school so well.

Mrs Jones



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	0
Y1 Angletarn	4
Y1 Whinlatter	2
Y2 Outerside	4.5
Y2 Yewbarrow	2.5
Y3 Kentmere	1
Y3 Glaramara	4.5
Y4 Thornthwaite	1
Y4 Blencathra	1.5
Y5 Fairfield	7.5
Y5 Catstycam	5
Y6 Helvellyn	4
Y6 Scafell	2

This week we are celebrating a whole year group for 100% attendance! Well done to both of our Reception classes who were all here every single day last week.



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](#)

SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

To support our busy families we shared the majority of our calendar dates for the whole school year in July and again at the start of the new academic year. This document can be found on our school website.

These original dates and any additional calendar dates and events (such as trips, visits and residentials) have been added onto our Class Dojo platform. This means that you'll be able to see upcoming events quickly and easily at the click of a button. We do hope this new approach is supporting family members to keep organised and on top of the things happening in school when we know family life is so busy!

On Monday (16th March) the FOHH Easter Egg Trail starts at 3.15 pm. Please come and support this lovely event. There is a £2.00 entry charge and the rewards for completing the trail are a memory made and a creme egg.



RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day is a national fundraiser traditionally supported by schools and other organisations. This year it takes place on Friday 20th March.

Heron Hill will be joining in the fun with a non-uniform day.

With our school in the process of going cashless, donations can be made via our JustGiving page: [Heron Hill is fundraising for Comic Relief](#)



YEAR 3 ENJOY AN ART-MUSIC-GEOGRAPHY MASH UP

On Friday last week, Y3 had a most enjoyable afternoon activity which was an accumulation of their art, music and geography learning.

They are currently focusing on painting skills in Art, on rivers in Geography and on listening to/responding to compositions in Music.

All three of these were brought together in a collaborative painting activity whilst listening to Vltava by Smetana – Journey of a River.

The end results are **FANTASTIC!** Well done Year 3!



Adult Learning

Bouncebackability: Building Resilience



4 week course for parents of KS2 children in Y3-Y6.

FREE

Mondays: 13th, 20th & 27th April & 18th May from 9.15-11.15 am.

Heron Hill Primary School

Let by Karen, our fully qualified Family Learning Tutor

This FREE 4-week course aims to help KS2 parents support children's resilience or 'bouncebackability' (whilst picking up a few tips themselves along the way). Topics include: managing feelings, coping with change, positive communication and building self-esteem. Your child will join you for part of each session.

Parents/Carer Name:	Child's age:
Child's name & class:	
Your contact number:	Email:
I would be interested in attending Bouncebackability starting Monday 13 April 9.15-11.15am. (Please note that Y4 pupils are away on residential on Mon, 27 th April. The course will not run on Mon, 11 th May due to Y5 SATs.)	
Signature:	Date:

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WATTSFIELD U6 FOOTBALL TRAINING

OPEN TO BOYS IN RECEPTION & YEAR 1 –
COME ALONG FOR FUN TRAINING SESSIONS!

Sundays, 10–11am

Howard Street
Football Pitches

A great way for kids to build confidence, learn new skills, and make friends.

For more info or to join, contact
Dan Ferguson. 07890 569636



STAFFING UPDATE

Further to my message about Mrs Smith retiring at Easter, the time has come to announce that Mrs Lehane will also be heading off into the sunset of retired life soon. Alison will be leaving Heron Hill at the end of May to begin a new and exciting chapter in her life as a grandmother!

More will be said closer to the time but I know you will all be aware of the immense service Mrs Lehane has given to our school; she will be very missed!



PARENT AND CARER FEEDBACK - MARCH 2026





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.



Erin S (Y5) attended the Ulverston Swim 2 day external gala and competed in 6 races over the weekend. Erin came away with PBs in every race and 4 x 5th place ribbons for her age group in 100m backstroke, 100m breaststroke, 50m fly and 50m breaststroke. Kendal Swim Club compete against the whole county so had swim clubs such as Penrith, Carlisle, Barrow and Copeland all there. Well done Erin!

Well done to Theo F and Samuel F in Reception, and Oliver T and Joshua T in Year 1, who proudly played their first friendly matches for the U6 Wattsfield FC team on Sunday. They all worked hard & should be proud of themselves!



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:
Evie L	Y1
Libby E	Y2
Sophie L	Y5
Jake D	Y5



Jayden B (Y4) has received his 10 metre swimming award and certificate, well done Jayden!





Heron Hill Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs L Middleton

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs M Wilkinson

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 visit the school website or contact Edward Vittery, the Chair of Governors at evittery@governor.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 23 rd March at 12.00 noon
Shortlisting:	Thursday 26 th March 2026
Interview:	Thursday 16 th 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