



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

OPAL play has soft-launched this week with the opening of several areas at lunchtime. There are also additional play zones in the pipeline and some being constructed as we speak – you may have noticed the car/small world play being developed under the Y1 canopy, for example.

The idea of OPAL is that ALL children, regardless of their age, can play in a wide range of ways across their lunchtime. It is also an all-weather approach, meaning the end of wet play times from September. As advised previously, all children will therefore need wellies and waterproofs in school every day; we'd recommend sending these in in a named, plastic bag and keeping them on pegs so they can be easily accessed each day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Middleton

FRIENDS OF HERON HILL:

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket for this week's discos. We were also grateful to parent volunteers who offered their time to help.

This year, the FOHH group are losing two members of their committee and so are looking for parents/family members to come forward and fill these spaces. Committee members help to plan and organize events behind the scenes but aren't expected to volunteer at ALL events. If you would like more information about getting involved, please email fohhteam@gmail.com or send them a message via their Facebook.



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	Peggy
R Lattrigg	Felix
Y1 Angletarn	Livi B
Y1 Whinlatter	Cooper C
Y2 Outerside	Ayla W & Jack B
Y2 Yewbarrow	Beatrix K
Y3 Kentmere	Emily G
Y3 Glaramara	Oliver S
Y4 Thornthwaite	Rhys W
Y4 Blencathra	Aubree M
Y5 Fairfield	Alfie T
Y5 Catstycam	Harry E
Y6 Helvellyn	Corey L
Y6 Scafell	Benjamin P

ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

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



This week's high-quality picture book focused on an inspirational female footballer, Mary Earps. We heard all about her dedication to her sport and how she overcame setbacks to become a Lioness and win the Women's Euros!

This book linked brilliantly to our RESILIENCE and RESPECT values, evoking some fantastic conversations about men's and women's football too!

ATHLETICS SUCCESS!

A team of athletes from Y5 and Y6 attended the Dick Viney annual athletics Festival at Queen Katherine school. Our 8 athletes did themselves proud amassing a total of **16 medals** between them, meaning that overall Heron Hill was in first position to bring home the trophy!

These are their results:

Event:	Girls:	Boys:
YEAR 5		
60m sprint	Mila 3 rd	
Chest push	Mila 1 st , Evie 2 nd	Alfie 3 rd
Long jump	Mila 1 st , Evie 2 nd	Alfie 2 nd
400m run	Mila 3 rd	
YEAR 6:		
60m sprint	Sophie 1 st	Max 1 st
Chest push	Isla 3 rd	Ethan 2 nd
Long jump	Isla 1 st , Sophie 3 rd	Ethan 1 st
600m run	Sophie 1 st	



Congratulations to them all. We are very proud of your teamwork and resilience in a variety of events.

Mrs. Foster and Miss Wilson

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance table for last week is shown here. This shows the total number of missed days for each class last week.

Please continue to ask for 'request for leave' forms at the office if you are planning any term-time absence. This includes things like weddings, dance exams, medical appointments and sporting competitions, as well as family holidays.

Thank you.

None of our classes had all children here, every day last week 😞
Fingers crossed for better scores next week!



Registration Class	Days missed for class last week:
Reception – Latrigg	7
Reception – Mellbreak	1
Y1 Angletarn	3.5
Y1 Whinlatter	3
Y2 Outerside	5
Y2 Yewbarrow	2
Y3 Kentmere	7
Y3 Glaramara	1.5
Y4 Thornthwaite	2
Y4 Blencathra	0.5
Y5 Fairfield	5.5
Y5 Catstycam	7
Y6 Helvellyn	6
Y6 Scafell	1.5



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.



We'd like to celebrate Milan L (Y2) getting Managers player of the season with Ibis U7. Congratulations Milan!

On Sunday evening, Lola and Anna (Y5) performed on the West End with their dance school. All of the girls were incredible! An amazing once in a lifetime opportunity!



Erin S (Y5) completed the 250m Great North Swim in Windermere on Saturday in 10minutes! What an achievement! Her first open water swim and it was rather choppy! Well done Erin!





Local news, events and initiatives:

Lowther Celebration of Nature

Hosted by Cumbria Connect & Lowther Castle & Gardens
Saturday 4th July 2026 10am - 5pm
Lowther Castle - Setterah Park Farm - Low Gardens Bridge

Join us for a free event celebrating nature across the Lowther Estate & The Castle & Gardens. Events include....

Bioblitz across the Estate & Gardens - See what you can find!

Drop-in Activities:

- ☒ Nature Interest Table
- ☒ The Beaver Trust
- ☒ Watch The Pond Dipping
- ☒ Glow Worm Project
- ☒ Bug Hunting In Our Haystacks
- ☒ Moth Trap Reveal
- ☒ Nature Crafts & Games
- ☒ Red Squirrel & Bird Watching

Bookable Activities:

- ☒ Electric Cycle Safari
- ☒ Beavers & Becks Walk
- ☒ Into The Woods Walk
- ☒ Wetland Wildlife Hide
- ☒ Bat Walk At Dusk Walk (9.30pm)



Find out more and book tickets at www.lowthercastle.org

Entrance to the gardens will be required for events within the castle gardens.

SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN DAYS
VICARAGE PARK SCHOOL, KENDAL
8.30AM - 3.30PM MON - FRIDAY
3RD - 7TH AUG 5 DAYS & 10TH - 14TH AUG 5 DAYS
EVERY DAY WILL BE PACKED WITH FUN!
The children can decide each day what they would like to do and can change throughout the day to keep things interesting and fun.

SPORTS
Play with our sports coaches. Football, badminton, cricket, gymnastics, you see what your son/daughter can do with our coaches.

ORIENTEERING
DISCOS
WATER GAMES/FUN
GLOW IN THE DARK DISCOS AND DODGEBALL

DANCE & KARAOKE SHOWS
ARTS & CRAFTS
Our team will do daily art and craft projects and competitions.

DIEN MAKING
Plenty of time also to relax, chill out, make friends and enjoy group time!

FACE PAINTING
ALL CHILDREN WELCOME 4 - 11 YEARS OLD
Local children are just waiting!

COSTS
£25 PER DAY
£15 HALF DAY
£100 PER WEEK
Half fee return events

FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE HAF BOOKINGS
If you are not on the HAF program you can still order food - please contact for more details.

HAF FUNDED FOR THOSE ELIGIBLE
Please book through the HAF website.

PLEASE CONTACT
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Carlton's DAY
IN MEMORY OF MARTYN CARLTON

A family fun day to support **Rosemere** and **The Christie Charity**
Sunday 26th July From 2pm at Netherfield Cricket Club

We have lots of exciting events happening on the day

GT7 - Under 11's 5-A-Side Football Tournament
Kendal Dance Academy Show
Sports Day Event
Sponsored by Good 220 (Lynsey Goodyear)

Playing for the 'Carlton Cup'

PLUS
Rides from Taylor's Funfair • Giant Inflatable Slide & Bouncy Castles
Face Paints • Games & Stalls • Raffle • Tombola • Caricature • Penalty Shootout
Craig Howarth DJ • BBQ/Refreshments • Much Much More

If you'd like to be involved or would like more information please call Claire on 01493-040345

FOR ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

KENDAL PARISH CHURCH

KINGDOM BUILDERS HOLIDAY CLUB

26/27/28 AUGUST 2026 9.30 - 12.30

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN