



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

With just 3 full weeks remaining of this academic year, there are lots of calendar events to keep up with and lots of preparation underway for both the summer holidays and September. We are expecting large-scale building work throughout the summer break and this means limited to no access to our school site for staff. School will literally be a building site and this is why our summer childcare offer was cancelled several months ago. We are looking forward to sharing some before and after pictures with you and are grateful to the Local Authority for their continued investment in our school building. Next week is our transition morning where all children will spend time with their new teacher for September. As a result, class teacher staffing is included in this week's newsletter. You will not be told which teacher your child is getting until next week. Please do not pester teachers about this – it is important to me that all children/parents find out at the same time so please await formal communication from school about this. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Middleton

ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

There was no whole-school assembly this week due to school participating in some important NSPCC safeguarding assemblies instead. Our usual values-focused assembly will return next Monday!



HANDWRITING & PRESENTATION PRAISE

As we did not have our usual assembly, there were no Presentation Praise certificates this week. Our presentation superstars will also return next Monday!

SPORTS DAY NEXT WEEK

Fingers crossed that the sunshine predicted this week continues into next week as Tuesday 30th June is our Y1-Y6 Sports Day. For sports day next week, parents and carers are invited to watch their child compete in Sports Day.



The running order has previously been shared but is included here for your reference too. You are welcome to bring foldable chairs or a blanket to sit on for your child's slot.

The Year 3&4 and Year 5&6 sessions will take place on the two lower fields. Please enter via the main school gate to watch these. You can watch each set of events. The track events will be on the larger sports field and the field events will be on the smaller lower field.

The Year 1&2 sessions will take place on the field next to the Nursery playground. Please enter via the upper junior playground to watch this.

All adults will be handed a visitor badge when they come onto the school site in the morning. This is an important part of our safeguarding duty so please do not walk around our site without one; you will be challenged by school staff.

	Field events:	Track events:
Y1 & Y2	Y2 9:30-10:30 Y1 10:30-11:30	Y1 9:30-10:30 Y2 10:30-11:30
Y3 & Y4	Y3 9:30-10:30 Y4 10:30-11:30	Y4 9:30-10:30 Y3 10:30-11:30
Y5 & Y6	Y5 1-2pm Y6 2-3pm	Y6 1-2pm Y5 2-3pm

NEW OPAL PLAY ZONE LAUNCHES



I would like to say a massive thank you to Dan Middleton, one of our OPAL parent volunteers, who has spent a huge amount of time creating an amazing 'toy zone' for the children. This is going to be a fantastic resource for the children to use at lunchtimes and he has dedicated a lot of his own time to make this area so special. This has been opened for Year 1 and 2 today and the children have had an amazing time using it.

The new OPAL zones of the Mud Kitchen, Calm Cabin (our quiet zone for reading and colouring) and the Art Area have been hugely successful this week and last.

We are now putting a request out for any dressing up clothes you may no longer be using at home. This will form part of our new dressing up zones.

Thank you to our school community for your support and enthusiasm with all things OPAL!
Mr. Corrie (Assistant Head and SLT Lead for OPAL)

ATTENDANCE

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

We are aware of lots of term-time holidays being taken in these last few weeks of term. Please inform school about this honestly. Pretending children are ill causes a huge strain on school resource when un-necessary home visits are carried out by school leaders.

Thank you.

Registration Class	Days missed:
Reception – Latrigg	0
Reception – Mellbreak	5
Y1 Angletarn	12
Y1 Whinlatter	4
Y2 Outerside	9
Y2 Yewbarrow	2
Y3 Kentmere	6
Y3 Glaramara	8
Y4 Thornthwaite	3.5
Y4 Blencathra	4
Y5 Fairfield	3.5
Y5 Catstycam	2
Y6 Helvellyn	3
Y6 Scafell	3

CLASS TEACHERS NEXT YEAR

There are minimal changes to our staffing overview for September. Class teachers will be as follows:

Year Group:	Teachers:	
Nursery	Mrs. S Metcalfe	
Reception	Mrs. H Hudson	Miss V Richards
Year 1	Mrs. C Hudson	Mrs. J Foster
Year 2	Mrs. A Lowther & Mrs. P Moorhouse	Miss M Wilson
Year 3	Miss R Watson	Miss M Hubble
Year 4	Mrs S Corbett	Mrs. C Dodd-Hemingway
Year 5	Mrs. C Altounyan	Mrs. H Hunter
Year 6	Miss A Hildrew	Mrs. E Patrick

Children will spend time with their new teacher on the morning of Thursday 2nd July 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.

Isla B (Y6), Played a golf tournament at Silloth Golf club which she won by 5 shots meaning she gets invited to play in the "Champion of Champions" 2027 tournament representing England in Northern Ireland. Amazing Isla, well done!



Last Friday Harriet O (Y4) got awarded bronze place for soccer skills from Wattsfield Youth football club. Well done Harriet!



Martha G (Y4) raced in the British Open Fell Racing Association championship in Ulverston last weekend and came first in her age category. We are so proud of you!



HERON HILL RETAINS 'GOLD SCHOOL GAMES MARK'

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. We are delighted to inform you that we have once again been awarded the **GOLD** mark which recognises our success in this important aspect of school.

Huge thanks go to Mrs. Foster and Miss Wilson for all their hard work as PE Leads.



Y6 GIRLS HAVE LOTS OF FUN PLAYING CRICKET

Last week, all the Y6 girls went to Netherfield Cricket Club for a fun day of cricket. As no other schools turned up to play against, we had a fabulous time receiving coaching from Adam and Bertie on batting and bowling skills. Then we split into 3 teams and played lots of matches against each other. Mrs Patrick and I were thrilled to see the levels of skill and confidence rising with each game, even including the most reluctant cricketers! Thank you to all the girls as it was a pleasure to spend the day seeing you develop your skills and have lots of fun!

Mrs Foster



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We had some very exciting news yesterday morning from Miss Storey. Her first child, an adorable little girl named Fern, arrived on Monday evening at 10:40pm, weighing 7lbs 5oz. Mother and baby are both doing well! I am sure you will join us in sending huge congratulations to the new parents who are understandably madly in love and enjoying many, many cuddles!

