



Heron Hill Primary School

Whole-school
newsletter -
Week beginning
29th June 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Our Y6 pupils have performed their leavers' production this afternoon and are looking forward to performing it again later this evening. Those of you who are coming are in for a real treat! I always love watching our children come alive on stage: the confidence, enthusiasm and singing always bring me to happy tears and today is no exception.

We were thrilled that Sports Day was able to go ahead on Monday and would like to say a big thank you to all of the family members who came along to support. We know this is a popular school event and luckily printed enough red visitor stickers to go around!

With only one full week left to go, we'd love to hear your thoughts on our school. As parents and carers your views really matter. The link to our annual parent survey is included in this newsletter.

Thank you to the 46 parents who have already completed this – we really appreciate it!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Middleton

ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY

This survey is an ideal opportunity for you to reflect on this second year of us working together. Please consider carefully how your child/children have found school this year, their experiences (both learning and pastoral), their level of enjoyment and their sense of belonging. It is also important to reflect on your experience as a parent and how this has developed over the past two years since leadership changed.



As always, all feedback is welcomed and will be listened to. We are committed to getting the primary years right for your child/children so welcome your ratings, thoughts and comments. All responses are anonymous and will be collated for both governors and school-based leaders to review.

Please follow this link to share your views: [Parent/Carer Views of School July 26](#)

The closing date for survey completion is 3pm on Monday 13th July 2026.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNORS

It's been another busy year at Heron Hill! We've had school trips, workshops, and events-galore! This year also saw the introduction of school houses and it's great to see the children taking ownership of this, with this week's sports day being a great example!

As the OPAL-link governor, it's been so exciting to see new OPAL zones popping up in various corners of our lovely outdoor space, including a mud kitchen, road zone, art shed and calm club, and I'm excited for this to start in full swing in September. What a great use of our grounds and a fantastic opportunity to enhance play for our children! Don't forget your waterproofs and wellies from September!

I am looking forward to attending the celebration assembly at the end of the year to help celebrate all the achievements of our pupils one final time before summer and to wish our year 6s all the best for their new adventure at secondary school!

I hope you all have a wonderful Summer (and don't forget to sign up for the summer reading challenge at the library - it's free!)



Amy Holland (Governor, Heron Hill Primary)

ATTENDANCE

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

Currently, we are just about holding onto our whole school attendance target of 96%. It is so important that all children continue to attend school for the remaining 1.5 weeks of term... lessons will continue in the final week of term as not all curriculum content will be complete until then.

If you are planning a term-time holiday, 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 – <u>Latrigg</u>	0
Reception – <u>Mellbreak</u>	0
Y1 <u>Angletern</u>	1.5
Y1 <u>Whinlatter</u>	7
Y2 <u>Outerside</u>	4
Y2 <u>Yewbarrow</u>	2
Y3 <u>Kentmere</u>	0.5
Y3 <u>Glaramara</u>	1.5
Y4 <u>Thorntwaite</u>	3.5
Y4 <u>Blencathra</u>	2
Y5 <u>Fairfield</u>	8.5
Y5 <u>Catstyckam</u>	5
Y6 <u>Helvellyn</u>	2
Y6 <u>Scafell</u>	2

Well done to both Reception classes who had the best attendance in school last week with ZERO missed days in either class! Wahoo!



KINDNESS IS MAGIC!

🐦 Rupert's Bird Rescue! 🐦



This is Jack the sparrow, I named him after Captain Jack Sparrow from the movies! When Jack was just a tiny baby bird, only five days old! He fell out of his nest. My cat found him and brought him inside, probably to try and eat him but I jumped in and rescued him. Because his nest was too high up for me to put him back, I decided to become his foster dad.

Caring for a baby bird is a lot of hard work! For the first two weeks, he had to be fed a special bird formula every 20 minutes! (My dad had to help me out when I was here at school, or Jack would have been very grumpy!)

As Jack grew bigger, I had to teach him how to be a real bird. I taught him how to:

- Fly around
- Chirp and sing
- Forage - which is a fancy word for hunting and finding your own bugs and seeds to eat!

Now, Jack lives in a big birdhouse called an aviary with my other pet birds. But the coolest part? We let him fly outside to explore, and whenever I call his name, he flies right back down and lands straight on my shoulder!"

Rupert K (Y3)





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.



Amelia S (Y4) took part in her Razzmatazz Summer Showcase on Sunday. Well done Amelia - we are super proud of you!

Rosie (Reception) took part in the Razzmatazz Summer Showcase 'All That Razz' this weekend. We are so proud of Rosie for getting up on stage and performing so well! She really put her all into it.



Sisters Grace and Evie L took part in the Razzmatazz showcase this weekend. They did amazingly! Super proud!



Last weekend Imogen V (Y5) competed in the Cumbria Class Competition. She attended 4 classes and came away with 2 1st place trophies for ballet and tap, and a 5th place medal for modern. She also won the trophy for outstanding performer for all the junior age groups (4-10). We are very proud of her!

Last Saturday Matylda B (Y5) took part in 2 gymnastics displays. Together with her friends she was celebrating 50th anniversary of Kendal Gymnastics Club. Well done Matylda!



Lily N (Y4) absolutely smashed her distance week at swimming on Friday and achieved her 800m certificate! She's so proud, as are we!



Isla H (Y6) competed in Copper level 11 and under at Redcar Rocks this weekend. She earned ribbons for all 4 pieces and came 5th overall. This is her highest finish in a competition outside of Cumbria. Well done Isla!

