



School Dates and Calendar: September 2026- July 2027

Below is an overview of what is happening in school and when next academic year.

- *Please note that dates and content are subject to change but plenty of notice will be given of any amendments to plans via our weekly school newsletter or the Class Dojo platform.*
- *We look forward to the year ahead and to welcoming family members into school to share in some of our celebrations.*
- *Visits will also take place in all year groups – specific information will follow from each class, with plenty of time for payments to be made.*

*Thank you for your continued support,
The Heron Hill Primary Team*

AUTUMN TERM 2026		
When?	What?	Additional detail:
Thursday 3 rd September	School opens to all pupils from Nursery to Y6 (8:45am)	Autumn term and the new academic year begins.
Tuesday 8 th September	Meet The Team event afterschool (Y1-6)	Join us in school from 3:30pm until 5:00pm where you will have the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher, see their new classroom, find out more about their new academic year group and taste samples of our autumn term dinner menu.
Wednesday 9 th September	Y3 swimming lessons begin (10 sessions)	Last session will be Wednesday 18 th November
Thursday 10 th September	Rock Steady Lessons begin	This is a paid musical enrichment opportunity that you can sign up to. Children play weekly in their own 'rock band', an excellent personal, social and emotional development opportunity. To find out more or enrol your child: Home - Rocksteady Music School
Monday 14 th September	Nursery Open Morning (9:30-10:30)	Open event for parents of potential January 2027 Nursery starters.
Thursday 17 th September	Nursery Open Afternoon (1:30-2:30pm)	Open event for parents of potential January 2027 Nursery starters. Optional drop in opportunity from 4-5pm.
Friday 18 th September	Nasal Flu inoculations	Reception to Year 6 pupils – parent consent required. A letter and electronic link for this will be shared in September.
Wednesday 23 rd September	Y4 Bioblitz Day (AM)	Y4 will be working with Cumbria Wildlife Trust to survey biodiversity on our school grounds.

Monday 28 th - Friday 2 nd October	Y5 Bikeability week	Y5 pupils will need to bring their bike and helmet to school this week. Please refer to previous letter via SCOPay.
Thursday 1 st October	Census Day – non-uniform day (no charge)	Census Day is an important day for school funding. It will be a free, non-uniform day for all year groups. A special themed menu will also be offered to all pupils at lunchtime (bookable via SCOPay, more details will follow)
Thursday 1 st October	Y6 SATs and residential meeting	Information sharing meeting for all parents of Y6 pupils. Please arrive promptly for a 5pm start.
Friday 9 th October	Children’s Mental Health Day	School will be joining in with the ‘Hello Yellow’ day for Young Minds: https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow/ Pupils are invited to wear something yellow. Examples could include: a yellow t-shirt, yellow hat, yellow socks or a yellow hair bow.
Monday 12 th October	Autumn craft stay and play session – Reception (PM)	Reception parents are invited into school to join their child in a range of autumn themed crafts.
Wednesday 14 th October	Y1 visit to Judges Lodgings, Lancaster	More information will follow for Y1 parents in the autumn term.
Friday 16 th October	Individual and family photographs	All day. Before school and after school sessions for families with pre-nursery children.
Thursday 15 th October	Autumn craft stay and play session – Reception (AM)	Reception parents are invited into school to join their child in a range of autumn themed crafts.
Monday 19 th October	Harvest Festival assembly	Whole-school harvest celebration at 2:30pm (We will be collecting food donations for local foodbank, Manor House, from Monday 12 th October)
Thursday 22 nd October	Halloween Messy Play (9-10:30am)	For babies and toddlers, and their parents. Led by Mrs. Hudson and in our school hall.
Friday 23 rd October	Celebration Assembly	Mrs M and Mrs W will lead the school in celebrating achievements from this first half term. Awards will be given in every class for our school values, maths, reading and writing.
Friday 23rd October	End of term	School closes for October half term on Friday 23rd October at 3:15pm.
26th-30th October - School closed for half term		
Monday 2 nd November	School reopens to pupils after half term	Autumn term 2 begins
Tuesday 3 rd November	Y4 Baking @ Kirkbie Kendal	Y4 children will be visiting Kirkbie Kendal School to bake for their Design & technology unit of learning. More information will follow closer to the time.
Thursday 5 th November	Bonfire Night themed lunch	TNS Catering will provide a special themed-lunch menu to celebrate Bonfire Night.
Thursday 5 th November	Autumn themed stay and play morning – Nursery	Nursery parents are invited into school to join their child in a range of autumn themed activities.
Saturday 7 th November	Reception 2027 Open Event	An open event for any prospective parents of Reception 2027 children. Mrs Middleton will be hosting from 10am-11am.
Monday 9 th to Wednesday 11 th November	Y6 residential to Patterdale Outdoor Education Centre	Y6 pupils out of school for three days/2 nights on their residential trip.

Monday 9 th November	Remembrance Day Assembly	Whole-school assembly (AM) All pupils will also make a poppy to contribute to our whole-school poppy mural.
Monday 9 th November	Reception 'stay and read' phonics sessions (2:45pm)	Parents invited in to join a phonics lesson with Reception children.
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need – non-uniform day	Pupils are invited to wear spots/Pudsey themed clothing. (Y4 will also be hosting a cake/biscuit sale at morning break for all year groups. Pupils will be able to purchase home-made/shop bought goods for a small donation. No nut/peanut products permitted.)
Tuesday 17 th November	Parent Consultation Evening 1	EYFS and KS1 2:40-6:00pm KS2 3:30-6:30pm (Bookings will be made via SCOPay)
Thursday 19 th November	Parent Consultation Evening 2	EYFS and KS1 3:30-6:30pm KS2 2:40-6:00pm (Bookings will be made via SCOPay)
Friday 20 th November	Y5/6 Kendal Mountain Festival	Pupils will attend this popular annual event with school during the morning. (No charge to parents)
Tuesday 24 th November	Y5 trip to Jodrell Bank	Y5 will visit Jodrell Bank as part of their Science Space learning. More information and pricing will follow.
Wednesday 25 th November	Whole-school launch of The Christmasaurus reading project	Via a launch assembly with Mrs M, pupils will begin to read the next book in The Christmasaurus series to countdown to Christmas.
Tuesday 1 st December	Christmas card post boxes open	Pupils can bring their Christmas cards for peers and friends into school from this date.
Wednesday 2 nd December	Usbourne Book Fair	Our school hall will be full of high-quality picture books that can be purchased, just in time for Christmas! (Usbourne offer match-funding meaning that every book purchased contributes to brand new books for school too.)
Thursday 3 rd December	Reception Christmas Craft with parents (PM)	Reception parents are invited into school to join their child in a range of festive themed crafts
Friday 4 th December	Reception Christmas Craft with parents (AM)	Reception parents are invited into school to join their child in a range of festive themed crafts
Friday 4 th December	Christmas Fayre 3:30-5pm	(Date TBC in FOHH's annual meeting in October)
Monday 7 th December	Y1 Carols Around the Campfire	4:30pm – all Y1 family members invited to attend and witness the festive singing by Y1.
Tuesday 8 th December	Nursery Christmas Production (AM) (Kendal Parish Church)	Our Nursery children will perform their nativity service for parents and family members.
Tuesday 8 th December	Reception Christmas Production (PM)	Our Reception children will perform their Christmas play for parents and family members, School Hall @ 2pm.
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas jumper day Christmas dinner day	Pupils are invited to wear a Christmas themed outfit/jumper in exchange for a £1 donation to Save The Children. The TNS catering team will also be serving the annual school Christmas dinner on this day.

Friday 11 th December	KS1 Carol Service (AM) (Kendal Parish Church)	Family members are invited to join us for this annual celebration of Christmas.
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas messy play (9:00-10:30am)	For babies and toddlers, and their parents. Led by Mrs Hudson and in our school hall.
Tuesday 15 th December	Y2 Christmas poetry recital and carol concert 2:15pm performance 5:00pm performance	Y2 will be performing 'Twas the night before Christmas' and singing a selection of Christmas songs for family members.
Wednesday 16 th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Service (Kendal Parish Church, usually a 2:00pm start)	Family members are invited to join us for this annual celebration of Christmas.
Thursday 17 th December	Rock Steady end-of-term concert	Children involved in weekly Rock Steady lessons will perform for family members at 2:15pm.
Friday 18 th December	Christmas Party Day	For all year groups – pupils are invited to wear a Christmas-themed outfit/party clothes for their year group parties.
Friday 18 th December	Celebration Assembly	Mrs M and Mrs W will lead the school in celebrating achievements from this first half term. Awards will be given in every class for our school values, maths, reading and writing. School closes to all pupils for Christmas at 3:15pm

SPRING TERM 2027		
When?	What?	Additional detail:
Monday 4 th January	School reopens to all pupils	Spring term begins. School opens at 8:45am to all year groups.
Wednesday 6 th January	Catch-up Swimming begins (10 sessions for any child who has not reached the 25m target by the end of Y3)	Last session will be Wednesday 17 th March (no lesson on Wednesday 17 th Feb)
Monday 11 th January	Nursery Open Morning (9:30-10:30)	Open event for parents of potential April 2027 Nursery starters.
Thursday 14 th January	Nursery Open Afternoon (1:30-2:30pm)	Open event for parents of potential April 2027 Nursery starters. Optional drop in opportunity from 4-5pm.
Thursday 21 st January	Census Day – non-uniform day (no charge)	Census Day is an important day for school funding. It will be a free, non-uniform day for all year groups. A special themed menu will also be offered to all pupils at lunchtime (bookable via SCOPay, more details will follow)
Monday 1 st February	Rock Kidz return to Heron Hill!	Back by popular demand! The Rock Kidz will be back in school delivering empowering rock music workshops to all year groups. Pupils are invited to dress as rock stars to fully embrace this awesome day of fun! Rock Kidz merchandise will also be on sale at the end of the day during their 'meet and greet' event.
Tuesday 2 nd February	Phonics stay and play workshop for Reception and Y1 parents (9am and 2:30pm)	Parents are invited in to find out more about how to support their child with the Supersonic Phonic Friends scheme. Reception parents are invited to join their child to experience the joy of phonics games and activities, linked to Supersonic Phonics Friends.
Friday 5 th February	NSPCC Number Day	A fun, maths-focused fundraising event where pupils will take part in a range of number-themed activities.

		Pupils are invited to wear number-themed outfits or accessories.
Tuesday 9 th February	Safer Internet Day	Heron Hill will be joining in this annual event and promoting safe use of the internet with pupils in an age-appropriate way.
Thursday 11 th February	Valentine's Messy Play (9-10:30am)	For babies and toddlers, and their parents. Led by Mrs Hudson and in our school hall.
Friday 12 th February	Celebration Assembly	Mrs M and Mrs W will lead the school in celebrating achievements from this first half term. Awards will be given in every class for our school values, maths, reading and writing. School closes to all pupils for half term at 3:15pm
15th – 21st February - School closed for half term		
Monday 22 nd February	School reopens to all pupils	Spring term 2 begins. School opens at 8:45 to all year groups.
Thursday 4 th and Friday 5 th March	Y5 Residential trip to York	Y5 will spend two days in the historic city of York for their residential experience.
Thursday 4 th March	World Book Day	Whole-school celebration of reading for pleasure. Pupils are invited to dress as their favourite book characters OR in pyjamas to celebrate bedtime reading. All pupils will receive a £1 book token. TNS Catering will be planning a special book inspired menu at lunchtime.
Tuesday 9 th March	Parent Consultation Evening 1	EYFS and KS1 3:30-6:30pm KS2 2:40-6:00pm (Bookings will be made via SCOPay)
Thursday 11 th March	Parent Consultation Evening 2	EYFS and KS1 2:40-6:00pm KS2 3:30-6:30pm (Bookings will be made via SCOPay)
Tuesday 23 rd March	Easter Messy Play (9-10:30am)	For babies and toddlers, and their parents. Led by Mrs Hudson and in our school hall.
Tuesday 23 rd March	Annual Easter Egg competition closing date and judging	The return of our annual egg decorating competition. (More information will follow closer to the time.)
Thursday 25 th March	Celebration Assembly	Mrs M and Mrs W will lead the school in celebrating achievements from this first half term. Awards will be given in every class for our school values, maths, reading and writing. School closes to all pupils for the Easter holidays at 3:15pm
NB: There will be a Spring/Summer Music Concert around this time of the year. Dates and details will be confirmed when music teacher availability is known.		

SUMMER TERM 2026		
When?	What?	Additional detail:
Monday 12 th April	School reopens to all pupils	Summer term begins. School opens at 8:45 to all year groups.

Monday 19 th April	Nursery Open Morning (9:30-10:30)	Open event for parents of potential September 2027 Nursery starters.
Wednesday 14 th April	Y2 Swimming begins (10 sessions)	Last session will be Wednesday 23 rd June
Thursday 22 nd April	Nursery Open Afternoon (1:30-2:30pm)	Open event for parents of potential September 2027 Nursery starters. Optional drop in opportunity from 4-5pm.
Monday 26 th April	Y4 Residential	Y4 will be visiting Castle Head Field Studies Centre in Grange for their annual residential.
Thursday 29 th April	Class photographs	Tempest Photography will be in school to take class photographs of all classes and staff.
Monday 3rd May	May Day Bank Holiday	School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 5 th May	Marigold Mufti Day	Please send in marigolds, calendula, geraniums, begonias, sweet peas, petunias, lavender, fuchsias or any other colourful bedding plants for Gardening Club to plant to attract pollinators and give school the 'wow' factor this summer. Children can wear mufti (non-uniform) for the day as a thank you.
Monday 10 th May	Y6 SATS week	Y6 pupils will sit their official SATS papers this week (Monday-Thursday)
Friday 14 th May	Sponsored pollinator walk	This annual fundraiser encourages children to dress as pollinators and complete several laps of our school field to raise money for school. (EYFS and KS1 – morning, KS2 – afternoon)
Tuesday 18 th May	SEND review meetings (2:30-5pm)	Parents/carers who have a child on our school SEND register will book an appointment to meet class teachers about their child's latest IEP review. (Face-to-face or Teams video link appointments.)
Thursday 20 th May	Census Day – non-uniform day (no charge)	Census Day is an important day for school funding. It will be a free, non-uniform day for all year groups. A special themed menu will also be offered to all pupils at lunchtime (bookable via SCOPay, more details will follow)
Wednesday 26 th and Thursday 27 th May	Y6 Trip to Easdale Tarn	More information will follow closer to the time.
Friday 28 th May	Celebration Assembly	Mrs M and Mrs W will lead the school in celebrating achievements from this first half term. Awards will be given in every class for our school values, maths, reading and writing. School closes to all pupils for the May half-term holiday at 3:15pm
31st May- 4th June - School closed for half term		
Monday 7 th June	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check	Y4 will sit their official multiplication tables check over the next 2-week period.
Monday 14 th June	Y1 and Y2 Phonics Screening Checks	All Y1 pupils and Y2 resit pupils will complete their official phonics screening check this week.
Monday 14 th and Tuesday 15 th June	Y5 Coniston Water Park trips	More information will follow closer to the time.
Thursday 17 th June	Summer-themed Messy Play (outdoors)	1:30-3pm For babies and toddlers, and their parents. Led by Mrs Hudson and hosted in our school grounds.

Monday 21 st June	Y5 Enterprise Fair	Y5 pupils will build their own business plan from a £5 investment and then sell products to the school community at their Enterprise Fair afterschool.
Tuesday 22 nd June	EYFS Sports Day	Reserve date (in case of bad weather) is Thursday 24 th June
Tuesday 29 th June	Y1-6 Sports Day	Reserve date (in case of bad weather) is Monday 5 th July
Thursday 1 st July	Transition morning	Pupils will move up to their new classes and spend the morning getting to know their new teacher for September.
Friday 2 nd July	Summer Fayre	(Date TBC in FOHH's annual meeting in October)
Friday 9 th July	Nursery family BBQ (after-school)	Nursery children and their families are invited to join our end-of-year BBQ celebration. (More details and costings will follow.)
Friday 9 th July	Y3 Camp-out	Y3 will be camping on our school grounds and experiencing their first 'residential' at Heron Hill.
Tuesday 13 th July	Y6 Leavers' BBQ (5-7pm)	Y6 pupils are invited to join us for this annual tradition. (Reserve date of Wednesday 14 th July in case of bad weather.)
Wednesday 14 th July	End-of year reports go out to parents/carers	Each child will bring home their end-of-year report to celebrate their successes, inform parents of their academic outcomes and their attendance scores for this year.
Thursday 15 th July	Optional parents evening	Parents/carers who wish to discuss their child's report with the class teacher are able to book an appointment for this evening. (3:30-6pm)
Thursday 15 th July	Celebration Assembly	Mrs M and Mrs W will lead the school in celebrating achievements from this first half term. Awards will be given in every class for our school values, maths, reading and writing.
Friday 16 th July	Y6 Leavers' assembly (9am)	Y6 pupils will produce and perform one final assembly for their parents/carers and teachers before leaving Heron Hill for secondary school.
Friday 16th July	Final day of the academic year	School closes for the summer holidays at 3:15pm