



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Autumn is setting in and our beautiful school grounds are starting to turn a range of rich, warm colours. In assembly this week we celebrated reading and discussed how just one book can have the power to engage us in a lifetime of reading. For me, that book was Matilda by Roald Dahl so we shared music from Matilda The Musical as we walked in and out of the hall. We also celebrated 23 children who brought their library medals along from the summer reading challenge - well done to them all!

We are now over halfway through this half term with just 3 weeks left until the October break. School remains busy and purposeful with lots of fantastic learning happening across the curriculum. A reminder that we will begin collecting food items for the local foodbank on Monday 12th October, ahead of our Harvest Festival on Monday 19th October. Please send non-perishable food items into school with your child if you are able to support this cause.

Thank you for your continued support, **Mrs. Middleton, Proud Headteacher of Heron Hill Primary**

ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

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



This week's assembly focused on the story 'The Truth About Books' and explored the many different reasons people love books from: escaping to other worlds to learning about the world we live to finding friends. We thoroughly enjoyed it and loved how the illustrator brought the content of each book to life across the page.



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.

WELLIES AND WATERPROOFS:

There are still a number of children in school without waterproofs and wellies which means they are restricted to playing on the playground only and cannot access the wider school field and OPAL play areas. Please send in named waterproof trousers and wellies as soon as possible so that your child can fully engage in our lunchtime play provision.



As the children are changing into wellies every lunchtime, it would be great if parents and carers can check that their child's shoes are clearly name labelled. We've had a number of lost shoes, mismatched shoes or wrong shoe scenarios, particularly in younger year groups.

Class:	Pupil:
Y1 Angletarn	Freddie S
Y1 Whinlatter	Rosie R
Y2 Outerside	Riley W
Y2 Yewbarrow	Archie H
Y3 Kentmere	Zara S
Y3 Glaramara	Joshua K-L
Y4 Thornthwaite	Gabriel P
Y4 Blencathra	Grace L
Y5 Fairfield	Alistair V
Y5 Catstycam	Harry H
Y6 Helvellyn	Imogen V
Y6 Scafell	Finlay B

CLEANING VACANCIES:



Our cleaning and caretaker team in school are managed by an external company called Bulloughs. They are currently seeking additional cleaners to join the team. If your child attends our school and you are successful in appointment, a 50% reduction in our Happy Herons Afterschool Club is available to you. Please see the job advert below:

Cleaning operative required to work as part of a small but friendly team to maintain cleaning standards making it safe for pupils and staff. 16.25 hrs per week, Monday to Friday from 3.30 - 6.45 pm, £13.45 per hour. Wages are paid weekly into your nominated bank. DBS clearance is required for this post and will be paid for by the company. Benefits include: onsite parking, 50% Discount on afterschool care fee for children who attend Heron Hill School.

For more information, please contact Tracey Stephenson on 07703608802 or via email t.stephenson@bullough.co.uk

OUR HOMEWORK APPROACH:



We sought parent feedback last year on our homework approaches and also spent time reflecting as professionals and school leaders on what was working and wasn't working in our homework approach.

This has led to a new homework policy from the beginning of this academic year which was shared with parents at our 'Meet the Team' evening and can also be viewed here: [Homework Policy](#)

Our homework approach values family time and acknowledges the busy lives that our children and their families lead. We prioritise quality teaching and learning in school, acknowledging the expertise of our teachers and teaching assistants is fundamental to children making good academic progress.

Our termly homework sheets for each year group contain a mixture of useful practice linked to learning from school, wellbeing activities and quality family experiences to enjoy together. We hope that our pupils (and their families) will enjoy these tasks. In addition, we supplement these by providing online resources such as Times Tables Rockstars, Spelling Shed and Numbots for further practice. These online platforms are optional for home use - we understand that some parents do not want their children using devices regularly and respect this choice. Traditional paper and pencil methods of learning key number facts, spellings etc. can be just as effective.

ATTENDANCE:

Our attendance table for September is shown here. This shows the total attendance for each class since the start of the new academic year.

96% is the minimum national expectation for school attendance across the academic year.

Y1 Whinlatter class are currently in the lead as the only class with above 99% attendance. Well done!



Registration Class	Class % for September:
Reception – Latrigg	98.1%
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Y1 Angletarn	97.2%
Y1 Whinlatter	99.1%
Y2 Outerside	97.6%
Y2 Yewbarrow	98.2%
Y3 Kentmere	98.2%
Y3 Glaramara	98.3%
Y4 Thornthwaite	98.1%
Y4 Blencathra	96.6%
Y5 Fairfield	97.8%
Y5 Catstycam	98.1%
Y6 Helvellyn	96.7%
Y6 Scafell	98.1%

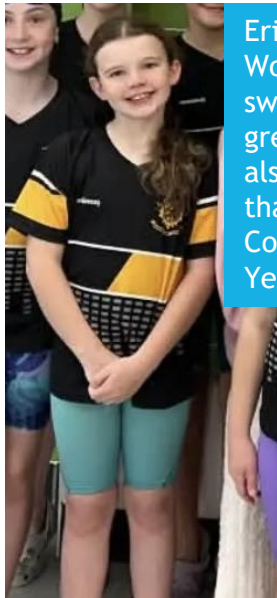


ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Our pupil community have many different talents and interests outside of school and we love to celebrate these on our weekly newsletter. Please continue to send any achievements, awards or proud moments 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 (Y6) competed at Workington's President 2 day swim gala and smashed out some great PBS in her races, she has also added some more swim times that qualify her to compete at County Championships in the New Year. Well done Erin!



Other information, events and community initiatives:

Cumbria YOUTH ORCHESTRA
READY PLAYER ONE
Iconic Video Game Music

Starts Sunday 3 October
Rehearsals across Cumbria
Concert 21 March
Penrith 6pm

Join the county's flagship youth ensemble in 2026/27, starting with an epic concert celebrating music from Video Games far and wide.

Find out more
Register now
cumbriamusicclub.com
[@cumbriamusicclub](https://www.instagram.com/cumbriamusicclub)

Cumbria Music Hub

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND
Westmorland & Furness Council

Sunday 4 October at 2.00-5.00pm
Kendal Parish Church

Kendal Choristers invite you to Come and be a Chorister

- Your child will learn some fun music and take part in a service at 4.00pm with the Kendal Choristers and Kendal Parish Church Choir, all in glorious harmony.
- We are looking for children aged 6-16 who like singing.
- Must be available for Friday practice after school and up to 5 Sundays per term.
- Fun and hard work, singing and theory tuition by our professional music staff.
- And all this is absolutely FREE!
- Senior choristers go to Morland choir camp each summer (parental contribution).

• To book visit the church website.