



Heelands School News

The Best You Can Be—Everyone, Every Day

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 04th April** **END of Spring Term (2)**
School closes at 3:10pm for the Spring Term Break
- 21st April** **Bank Holiday**
School CLOSED to Pupils
- 22nd April** **School OPEN**
School opens at 8:30am for the Start of Summer Term (1)
- 25th April** **MAPLE Class—Immersion Day**
Children are invited to come to school dressed as a Superhero
- 05th May** **Bank Holiday**
School CLOSED to Pupils
- 23rd May** **END of Summer Term (1)**
School closes at 3:10pm for the May Half-Term Break
- MAY Half-Term**
Monday 26th May — Friday 30th May
- 02nd June** **School OPEN**
School opens at 8:30am for the Start of Summer Term (2)
- 13th June** **INSET Day**
School CLOSED to Pupils
- 22nd July** **END of Summer Term (2) and the Academic Year**
School closes at 3:10pm for the Summer Break
- 23rd July** **INSET Day**
School CLOSED to Pupils

HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support as we have navigated another term. That's two thirds of the school year completed now. We are already looking ahead to the new school year and are delighted that we were the first choice school for so many new starters to Early Years in September. It looks as if Ash class will be completely full.

It has been a difficult year in many ways. The flood and ensuing uncertainty about repairs has gone on for so much longer than we anticipated. The Local Authority are still finalising contracts and despite constant requests for a timeline, communication remains disappointingly inconsistent. The children have adapted really well and we are proud of them for this. The availability of the Children's Centre really couldn't have come at a better time and we are grateful for this. Teachers have made the very best of the situation too.

The loss of our friend and colleague's daughter in December has also had an impact on the staff and children. Mrs Houghton-Bell is a huge part of our school and we all miss her very much. We do see her from time to time and are in regular contact with her. We keep her and her family in our thoughts and prayers.

Although there has been darkness, we still look for light and there have been many highlights this term. This has included seeing so many parents, carers and adults joining their children in school with their learning. We have different events coming up for the next term and will share these with you soon.

Please enjoy the Easter break – See you at the gate on Tuesday 22nd April.

Becky Daley
Associate Head



EYFS - Ash

Ash class have had a busy few weeks in the lead up to Easter. We have listened to Easter stories and learned all about why Christians believe in Easter.

One of the best parts was getting to eat Hot Cross Buns! The children thought they were delicious!

We were creative with our art skills to create images of Easter Eggs too. In our sand and water play we have matched eggs of different sizes and patterns.

We are really proud of all the children who learned a poem this half term too. Thank you parents and carers for your help with this. Some children also learned actions which made their recitals extra entertaining.



YEAR 1 - Maple

In Maples class we have been very busy finishing off our Great Fire of London topic. This week we have made our own buckets to test and see if they can hold water. We had great fun having a class competition to see which buckets were strongest! The children enjoyed using their imagination and creative skills to make their buckets. Last week we also had lots of fun with our Science morning. The children were mixed up into groups across the school and did three experiments. They got to see if they could make raisins dance, see what happens when you pour water onto skittles, and whether they can create a parachute to keep an egg from breaking! The children really enjoyed this and couldn't stop talking about how much fun they had.



YEAR 2 - Oak

We have really enjoyed this term's topic 'Unsinkable' and will be sad to see it sail away. The children created their sculptures with great support from their family members and friends and these will be an excellent keepsake of our adventures. In our final week we have been exploring how boats are designed and made and been trying to make unsinkable ships with various degrees of success. We learnt about buoyancy and water dispersal as well as density of objects and how that can cause objects to sink or float. We then designed our own boats and tested various materials, using our STEM skills to try and save as many passengers as possible! It has definitely been an adventure.



Celebration Assemblies...

SPARKLER

Congratulations to our Sparkler Children. These assemblies celebrate children's efforts in all areas of work and play.

28.03.25



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MAPLE



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Congratulations to our children who have excelled in all areas of our 4 core values:
RESILIENCE, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT, RESTORATIVE

VALUES

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Wear A Hat Day...

FRIDAY 28th MARCH — WEAR A HAT DAY and DRESS-DOWN

Thank you so much to everyone who supported this event. Children were invited to come to school in dress-down clothing and wearing a hat to raise funds for Brain Tumour Research. We managed to raise an incredible **£539.83** across the Blue Sky Federation, Summerfield School and Heelands School from online donations and pens and pin badges. If you would like to donate, but haven't yet done so, you can do here: [JUSTGIVING PAGE](#) (suggested donation £2)

Find out more about Brain Tumour Research here: [Brain Tumour Research](#)



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HAT DAY**
HATS ON FOR HOPE!



**Together
we will find
a cure**

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