13<sup>th</sup> June 2025 **ISSUE 33** 



# Heelands School News

The Best You Can Be-Everyone, Every Day

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

20<sup>th</sup> June **OAK Class Immersion Day** 

> Come in dress-down clothes and bring a drawing or photograph of your home.

20<sup>th</sup> June **OAK Class Trip** 

Local Walk

07<sup>th</sup> July OAK Class

Visit to a local book shop to choose a book

08<sup>th</sup> July Sports Afternoon

Details to be confirmed

11<sup>th</sup> July Transition Day

Ash and Maple classes

18<sup>th</sup> July Transition Afternoon

Ash and Maple classes

22<sup>nd</sup> July OAK Class Leavers Assembly

9:15am Families invited

22<sup>nd</sup> July END of Summer Term (2) and the

Academic Year

School closes at 3:10pm for Summer Break

23<sup>rd</sup> July **INSET Day** 

School CLOSED to Pupils

24th July-SUMMER HOLIDAY BREAK

01<sup>st</sup> Sept **INSET Day** 

School CLOSED to Pupils

02<sup>nd</sup> Sept School OPEN—Welcome Back!

School OPENS at 08:45am

Start of 2025-2026 Academic Year.

## **HEADTEACHER NEWS**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're pleased to share that the much-anticipated work on the school roof is now well underway. Builders have been busy on site, and everything appears to be progressing right on schedule.

We're taking every measure to ensure that learning continues safely and smoothly during this time. The children have been wonderfully patient and curious—especially about the scaffolding!

We'll keep you updated if there are any changes to the timeline, but for now, everything is going to plan. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Excitement is building across the school as all classes have begun practising for our upcoming Sports Day! From sprints to relays and fun team games, students are getting active and learning the importance of teamwork, perseverance, and school spirit.

Our wonderful Year 2 children are getting ready for a very special time as they prepare to take the next big step on their school journey! Over the coming weeks, they'll be taking part in transition days where they'll have the chance to explore their new classrooms, meet their new teachers, and begin to imagine what life will be like in Key Stage 2.

Please do remember that Mrs Carol Foster is retiring this year after many years at Heelands. If you do wish to contribute to her leaving gift please see Mrs Farmer in the office.

Wishing you all a happy half term break

Becky Daley

**Associate Head** 











## EYFS - Ash

EYFS has dived straight into out new topic and have really enjoyed learning about the seaside. We have read Sharing a Shell by Julia Donaldson and practised writing sentences about what they can see using images of the story.

In maths the children are exploring grouping and sharing. They have been practising sharing objects with each other and discussing whether it is fair or not. Some children are even making links to being able to only share even numbers.

In the provision they have been making underwater sea creatures, including Blob (a sea anemone). We are looking forward to continuing our topic with other underwater texts.





# YEAR 1 - Maple

The last couple of weeks we have started our new topic called 'Far, Far Away'. The children really enjoyed our Immersion day where they got to come to school dressed as either a fairy or a pirate! The children looked fantastic!

In history we have been learning about toys from the past. The children really liked hearing about their parents childhood toys too, after we had lots of responses to our questionnaire! (Thank you very much for this!)

On our Immersion day, the children enjoyed using their knowledge of toys from the past to make their own pop up toy with a character from Peter Pan.





## YEAR 2 - Oak

In Oak class we have been learning to tell the time and are getting good at reading analogue clocks.

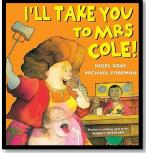
Please ask us what the time is, we should know; o'clock, half past and quarter to and quarter past times. We will also master, 5 minute intervals soon!

We have also been learning our new narrative, 'I'll take you to Mrs Cole' and will be a learning all about different types of homes and how houses have changed over the years.

All this whilst preparing for our new schools.

Wonderful work Oak Class.





## Celebration Assemblies...



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







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













## School Attendance and Absence...

Did you know that Schools are no longer allowed to authorise requests for children to be taken out of school in term time unless there are "exceptional circumstances". The DfE states that anything to do with "relaxation and leisure" is not exceptional circumstances. This will include visiting relatives, or a holiday due to mental or physical illness issues unless supported by medical evidence.

You should apply to your child's school for authorisation for term time leave. However, if not approved by the Headteacher, fines can now be issued if there are 10 unauthorised sessions in 10 school weeks (as above) the time taken doesn't need to be consecutive as was previously the case.

If you take leave which is not authorised by the school, then the school is encouraged by the Department for Education, to refer the matter to the Local Authority who will issue a Fixed Penalty Notice. This is to ensure consistency across England and Wales.

Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) are issued to each parent and per child. A FPN is £80 if paid within 21 days, and £160 if paid between 22 and 28 days. If the fine is not paid, you will be prosecuted in the magistrates' court and could receive a fine of up to £1000 (per parent) and a criminal record.

If a second period of leave is taken within 3 years (same parent/child) then the fine will start at £160 payable in 28 days. If there is a third

#### **AUTHORISED**



An absence for sickness for which the school has granted leave



Medical or dental appointments which unavoidably fall during school time.



Religious or Cultural observances



An absence due to a family emergency



Sporting events, music assessments and competitions (Approval is required)

### UNAUTHORISED



Students who are absent from school without reason



Truancy before or during the school day



Arrival at the school after registration has closed. (after 9:00am)



Absence due to shopping, looking after other children or birthdays



Mild student illness



#### **INFORMATION ON MK CITY COUNCIL WEBSITE**

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE: OVERVIEW -**GOV.UK** 

LEGAL ACTION





# DID YOU KNOW?

Research shows that children who are in school most of the time do better on state tests. Studies also show that kids who are absent more often score lower on state tests.

Being late for school hurts a child's learning, too. A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction during the year.

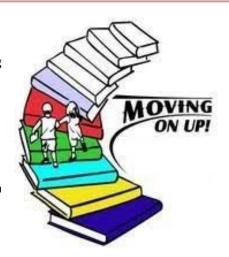
# **Transition Days...**

This Term there is a strong focus on transition to new classes and school and looking ahead to September 2025.

#### **CLASS MOVE-UP**

Ash Class will move to Maple class with Mrs Lui Maple Class will move to Oak Class with Mrs Mills

There will be one whole day of transition on Friday 11th July and one afternoon on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July



#### YEAR 2

#### **BRADWELL VILLAGE SCHOOL**

26<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Picnic Day – 10am to 12.45pm Children will be taken by **Heelands staff**3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 – Whole transition day – 9.30am to 2.45pm - Children will be taken by **Heelands staff** 



#### **BUSHFIELD SCHOOL**

1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 – Transition Morning Only **Parents/Carers** take and collect children



#### **STANTON SCHOOL**

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 – Transition Morning Only **Parents/Carers** take and collect children



#### **TWO MILE ASH SCHOOL**

1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 – Transition Day – 9am – 3pm **Parents/Carers** take and collect children





## Young Carers...

If you would like a referral to be made, please do reach out to Kate: kwilson@tbsf.org.uk

