12th September 2025



Heelands School News

The Best You Can Be—Everyone, Every Day

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

15th September **Clothes Donation**

> Please bring in any good quality clothes items for our collection.

19th September Jeans for Genes Day

> Children are invited to come to school wearing jeans in return for an online donation.

01st October Harvest Assembly

Collecting items for MK Food Bank

21st October Parents Evening

> 3:30pm—7:30pm booking information to be confirmed

22nd October Parents Evening

> 3:30pm-5:30pm booking information to be confirmed

22nd October School Photographs

Individual/Sibling

24th October END of Autumn Term (1)

> School closes at 3:10pm for October Half-Term

27th Oct-31st Oct OCTOBER HALF-TERM

03rd November INSET Day

School CLOSED to Pupils

04th November School OPEN

School OPENS at 08:30am for

Autumn Term (2)

04th November NHS School Nursing Team

FLU Vaccinations.

Have you given/refused consent?

19th December END of Autumn Term (2)

> School closes at 3:10pm for End of Autumn Term Break

HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share that, following last year's flood, our repairs are now complete and the school feels refreshed and ready for the vear ahead.

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A reminder that we have a large selection of donated school uniform available for any families who may find it useful. Please do come to the office if you'd like some – there's absolutely no need to feel embarrassed about asking.

Harvest is fast approaching, and we are very grateful for donations to support the local food bank. Full details of what can be donated and how to contribute are included later in this newsletter.

If you are visiting the school office, please use the old reception entrance. The children's centre door is no longer in use. We must also ask that parents do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside school, and that the staff car park is kept clear at all times. Thank you for helping us to keep our children safe.

Every child at Heelands is entitled to a free school meal, and we encourage all families to consider booking one. They are nutritious, excellent quality, and provide a healthy option for your child each day. More details and booking information can be found here: School Meals Information.

Our new wraparound care provision here at Heelands has got off to a fantastic start and is proving very popular with families. If you would like further information or wish to register a place, please email wraparoundcare@tbsf.org.uk

Have a lovely weekend!

Ian Fraser-Kirkup **Executive Headteacher**

Welcome!

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new Business Support Assistant, Mrs Cindy Mahoney. Please do say hello, she is very friendly and will be more than happy to help with any queries you have.

Welcome to Heelands!







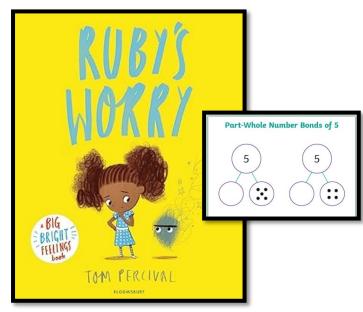


EYFS - Ash

The children have settled into school life extremely well. We have been practising lots of our school routines such as hanging our coat up, learning where our carpet spaces are and lining up sensibly for playtime and assemblies.

Ash Class have enjoyed exploring the provision we have set up over the past two weeks, with a big focus on supporting their fine motor skills which are really important to help us write successfully. We have listened to lots of stories, including 'Ruby's Worry' by Tom Percival. We have used this story to discuss that it is always a good idea to talk to us at school if you are feeling a little worried as we are always here to help. During circle time the children realised that being at school is lots of fun.

In maths we have been learning simple number songs in preparation of learning all our number facts to 5. Thank you to all the parents that are supporting their child at home with their sounds and writing formation, it really does help them consolidate their learning.



YEAR 1 - Maple

We have had a brilliant start to year 1!

We had great fun on Friday with our Immersion Day to start our topic 'Antarctic Adventure'.

In Art we made our own Penguins out of newspaper and card. We practiced our tearing skills to make a collage and an icy frame!

This week we have been experimenting with different materials to see what would make a good shelter in DT. We have designed our own igloos and will be making them out of paper bowls and cotton wool.



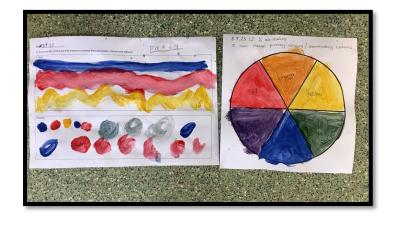
YEAR 2 - Oak

We have settled into Oak class well and Mrs Mills is very proud of us. We have begun our art topic of building a diorama (model) of an underwater scene. We have practiced using primary colours to mix secondary ones. Then we used these to experiment with lines and patterns.

In English we are reminding ourselves how to write sentences with capital letters, spaces between words and full stops.

In Maths we have been working practically to make, read and write numbers to 100.

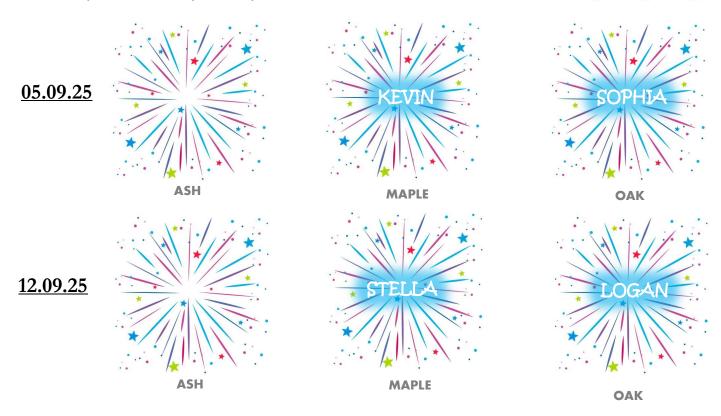
What a great start to Year 2!



Celebration Assemblies...

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





Clothes Collection...

We are holding a clothing collection on **Monday 15th September** and are asking if you have any good quality, clean clothing items if you would be happy to donate them to us please.

We are specifically looking for winter coats, jackets and wellies as the weather starts to turn colder.

There is always a high need for:

- Coats
- •School trousers, shorts, or skirts
- Quality school shoes

Bringing these in will make a real difference to families who could really use them.

Thank you for your generous and kind support.

All our families will be so pleased with any clothing they receive.



Jeans for Genes Day...

On **Friday 19th September** we are supporting the **Jeans for Genes** charity campaign. We are inviting children to come to school dressed in Jeans and casual top in return for an <u>online donation</u>. (Please do not bring in cash) Thank you.

Jeans for Genes Day 2025 - PRIMARY SCHOOLS - JustGiving

The charity helps to raise awareness about the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected.



You can find out more about this amazing charity here:

Jeans for Genes - who we are and the difference we make

Thank you so much for your support.

Harvest Assembly...

On **Wednesday 1st October** we will be holding our Harvest Assembly with Phil Dunning attending to talk to the children. We will also be collecting dried food item donations for the MK Food Bank.

We are asking families to help support this event and bring in one item of the below to help support MK Food Bank which supports nearly 5,000 families in the Milton Keynes area. Thank you.





PLEASE SEE OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS



Wednesday 1st October

Long life Juice – Tinned Tuna
Long Life Milk – Tinned Vegetables
Biscuits – Tinned Meat
Tinned Pasta – Tinned Fruit
Pasta Sauces – Dried Rice
Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Rice Pudding / Custard
Spreads – Jams/Peanut Butter



School Lunches...

UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS:

Did you know that all children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 receive FREE school meals through the Government incentive, Universal Infant Free School Meals.

Your child can choose from a range of delicious hot and cold options including; vegetable curry, fish fingers, macaroni cheese, pesto pasta, chicken noodles, iacket potato with cheese and beans, cheese roll.

From September St Pauls Catholic School meals will be offering a packed lunch option where parents can order a choice of ham or cheese sandwich instead of a hot meal. The packed lunch includes a sandwich, yoghurt, piece of fruit, a snack and a drink.

Meal choices are ordered on a 3 week rotation.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS - ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?:

If you earn under a certain threshold amount or are in receipt of certain benefits, you could be entitled to Free School Meals/Pupil Premium.

Briefly including:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

For a detailed list of eligibility and to APPLY click here: FSM APPLY

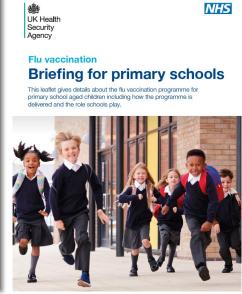
Free School Meals Are you entitled?

NHS Nursing Flu Vaccinations...

The school nursing team will be coming to Heelands school on 4th November to administer the flu vaccine to children.

You are required to give/refuse consent via the online portal for parents/carers. ONLINE PORTAL





Wraparound Care...

The Blue Sky Federation has combined its wrapround care provision to serve both Heelands and Summerfield children. It is called 'Blue Sky Wraparound Care' and it operates within Heelands School.

We also welcome children from Priory Common and Bradwell Village Schools.

This is run by members of our own staff with a designated Play Leader and three Play Workers.

Please email: wraparoundcare@tbsf.org.uk to book a place.



CARE CLUB RUNNING TIMES

BREAKFAST CLUB is open at 07:45am till 8:30am

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB is open at 3:10pm till 6:00pm

Session Rates for child care from 1st September 2025

BREAKFAST CLUB: £4.00 per session

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: £13.00 per full evening session (includes snack; collection must be by 6.00pm)

BOOKING: Please email: wraparoundcare@tbsf.org.uk to book a place for September or if you have any queries.

You can also call the number: 01908 316 306 if you would like to speak to someone about our new wraparound provision.

* From Tuesday 2 September 2025 we are combining the Heelands and Summerfield wraparound care to one site at Heelands school.

Wraparound childcare is care provided outside of standard school hours, typically before school starts in the morning and after it ends in the afternoon. These services support working parents by offering a reliable and safe place for their children to stay, ensuring they are well-cared for while parents are at work.

The benefits of combining our wraparound care are: a significant reduction in costs to the combined schools; money which can be reinvested in our children. consistent delivery of wraparound care across all our Blue Sky children. the opportunity to enhance our wraparound care services and activities

Please refer to our <u>frequently asked questions</u> on our school website; if you have any further questions, please email: wraparoundcare@tbsf.org.uk or call 01908 316306.

Available To Hire Now...

Large open space
Access to Kitchen Area
Tables and Chairs available
Competitive Rates





Sporting Groups

Youth Groups

Faith Groups

Dance Groups

Fitness Groups

Language Groups

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