

Heelands School News

The Best You Can Be-Everyone, Every Day

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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/declined consent?

14th November Children In Need

Details to be confirmed

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 continue to be very proud of how well the children have settled into the new school year. It's been a pleasure to see such happy, confident learners across all of our classes.

Ash Class

Our youngest children in Ash Class have made a fantastic start. They come in each morning ready to learn, settle quickly, and engage enthusiastically with their early work. They are also making great progress in phonics and beginning to develop a love of reading well done, Ash Class!

Maple Class

In Maple Class, children have been exploring similarities and differences between themselves and others, which has sparked some thoughtful conversations. They have also been busy using practical resources to support their maths learning, helping to develop a strong understanding of number and problem-solving skills.

Oak Class

Our oldest children in Oak Class are leading by example. They are showing real maturity and responsibility around school, and their recent writing has been particularly impressive—keep up the great work, Oak Class!

Thank You for Your Generosity

We'd like to say a heartfelt thank you for all your kind donations for Harvest. These will make a real difference in our local community. Please continue to bring in any further donations if you are able. Thank you also for the recent donations of clothes—these will be available for families very soon.

Goodbye and Thank You

Finally, we say a fond farewell to Anne Nardini and Debbie Walker, who are leaving us after serving as incredible midday supervisors. Their warmth, care, and commitment to our children have been

truly valued, and they will be greatly missed. We wish them both all the very best for the

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Warm regards,

Becky Daley, Associate Headteacher







EYFS - Ash

We have had another busy two weeks in EYFS and the children are now so settled into the daily routines.

Over the past week the children have now learnt to come in and start their morning work task; currently this focuses on name writing and pencil control and they are all doing so well in this! The whole of EYFS are super proud of Ash Class!

In Literacy we have started our next story 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. The children have been joining in with the familiar phrases in the story and learning to order the story. During provision time the children have had the opportunity to explore the letters we have been learning in phonics, make clothes for the giant out of playdough and make pictures using 2D shapes.

In our maths lessons we have started to learn about some of the maths equipment we will use to help us learn, such as numicon and mulit-link. Well done Ash class.



YEAR 1 - Maple

In Maples class this week we have been busy learning about Antarctica in our Geography lessons.

We have learnt about the types of weather and animals that are found there, and we have also looked at what animals we would find in the UK to compare. The children have loved learning the seven continents through a song and were able to match the continent to the name. We have also learnt a song about the 5 oceans.

In English, we have started to learn our story 'Lost and Found', making our own story maps and sequencing the images to retell the story.



YEAR 2 - Oak

Our Ocean adventures continue as we have been using our colour mixing and collage techniques to make our backdrops for our ocean diorama. They are all so beautiful and unique.

In English we are planning our own version of Julia Donaldson's 'The Snail and the Whale', learning about how to write sentences correctly.

In Maths our practical counting lessons continue, we can now partition tens and ones to make numbers and are becoming more confident in our number bonds and pattern spotting.

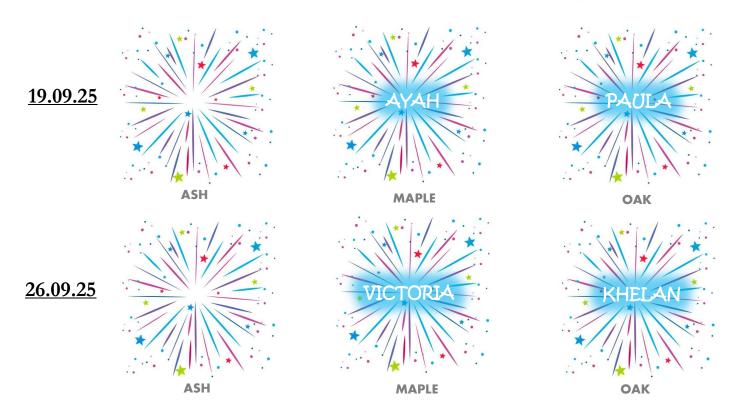
Mrs Mills is also proud of our excellent manners and behaviour. Well done Year 2



Celebration Assemblies...

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





Jeans for Genes Day...

On **Friday 19th September** we supported the **Jeans for Genes** charity campaign. Children were invited to come to school dressed in Jeans and casual top in return for an <u>online donation</u>.

Thank you so much to everyone who supported this event, we managed to raise an incredible £361

Jeans for Genes Day 2025 - PRIMARY SCHOOLS - JustGiving

Thank you so much for your support.



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.

We Raised

You can find out more about this amazing charity here:

<u>Jeans for Genes - who we are and the</u> <u>difference we make</u>

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 of the below items between **Monday 29th September and Wednesday 1st October** to help support MK Food Bank which supports nearly 5,000 families in the Milton Keynes area. Thank you.









Monday 29th September -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



Can You Help?...

We would love to be able to organise some more events at Heelands now we have our fabulous new Hall floor.

Organising events requires a lot of helping hands and we are just reaching out to see if any of our lovely parent/carers would be able to lend a hand for a few hours to help assist with any events. Be it helping to set-up, run a stall or help tidy away; every helping hand makes the event run smoothly and your help will be invaluable to the children so that we can put on more for them, thank you.

If you would like to help, please do speak to the office or send an email: office@heelands.org. Thank you







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

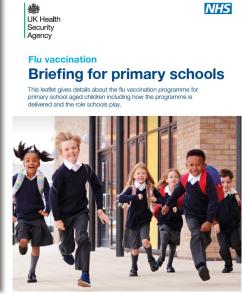
Free School Meals Are you entitled?

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

HALL FOR HIRE

Heelands Primary School Glovers Lane Heelands Milton Keynes

MK13 7QL

AVAILABILITY

weekdays and evenings

and during school holidays

BOOK NOW

www.heelands.org

01908 316 306

lettings@heelands.org

Children Starting School in September 2026...

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST FOR ONE OF OUR OPEN VIEWING TOURS BY CLICKING HERE



OPEN VIEWING TOURS



Spaces available for all year groups. Accepting start of year and in-year admissions.

The Best You Can Be - Everyone, Every Day



Attractive School
Grounds & Facilities

Varied & Exciting Curriculum

Committed Staff Team
Strong Pastoral Care
Strong links with the Community

Viewing TOURS

(Please email office@heelands.org to book your place)

Wednesday 12th NOVEMBER—2pm / Wednesday 10th DECEMBER—10am

We can arrange tours at other times too to meet your availability. Please contact the school office on the details below.

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