24th October 2025 **ISSUE 39**



Heelands School News

The Best You Can Be—Everyone, Every Day

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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 START of Term

School OPENS at 08:30am for

Autumn Term (2)

04th November NHS School Nursing Team

FLU Vaccinations.

Have you given/declined consent?

04th November SEND Coffee Morning

> For parents/carers with SEND children. Held at Summerfield School

at 2pm

07th November OAK Class—Immersion Dav

> Children are invited to come dressed as Florence Nightingale or Neil

Armstrong

07th November MAPLE Class—Immersion Dav

> Children are invited to come in their best clothes for a Royal Tea Party

12th November ASH Class—Immersion Day

> Children are invited to come dressed in party clothes and bring a Teddy.

13th November Celebrate Michael Rosen

Poetry Day (Whole School Live

stream)

14th November Children In Need

Details to be confirmed

19th November Harry's Rainbow

Grief Awareness Activities

19th December END of Autumn Term (2)

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

HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been the longest half term I can remember for quite some time — and I think the dip in energy levels this week has shown it for both staff and children!

Firstly, thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening this week. It was lovely to see you all and to talk about how well your children have settled into the new academic year.

On Wednesday, I sent a text message asking if any parents with a little spare time could email office@heelands.org to help with some fundraising activities. Our long-term goal is to set up a proper Friends of Heelands School committee, so if that's something you'd be excited to be part of, please do get in touch.

A guick reminder that children will return to school on Tuesday 4th November, as all staff across the Federation have an INSET Day on the Monday. During that day, we'll be focusing on trips, visits, curriculum enrichment, and clubs — and we look forward to sharing that work with you in the new year.

Wishing you a relaxing and enjoyable break,

Take care.

Ian Fraser-Kirkup,

Executive Headteacher













EYFS - Ash

Ash Class have been busy learning all about Goldilocks and the Three Bears over the past two weeks. They have been writing CVC words about the story, ordering events and even making some yummy porridge. The children have then written instructions to tell everyone how to make porridge for the Three Bears. The children really enjoyed making the porridge and everyone at least tried the porridge, even if they were not sure if they liked it!

In Maths, we have moved onto numbers and have been exploring the numbers 1-3. They have been counting objects, matching numerals and subitising different amounts. Throughout the provision we have had autumnal/ Halloween activities linked to previous learning. We have had a fantastic first half term and I know all the staff are so proud of how well your children have settled into school life. We hope you have a lovely half term and see you in November!



YEAR 1 - Maple

In Maples class, we have been doing lots of learning about Autumn in our Science lessons!

We have learnt about how the temperature and weather will change in each season. We have identified what clothing you would need to wear, and how some animals survive in Winter. We have been on an Autumn hunt around the playground to see if we can spot signs of Autumn – we saw lots of different shades of leaves!

It has been a busy first 8 weeks back to school, but Maple Class have done themselves proud with how they have settled in and adapted to our new, focused routines!

Have a well deserved break in half term Maples!



YEAR 2 - Oak

In Oak class, we have been adding sliders and levers to our Dioaramas of Under the Sea. These mechanisms mean that some of our sea creatures can now move in our models.

We have also been learning about nouns and adjectives and are beginning to use these to write much more complex sentences.

In Maths, we are continuing to develop our understanding and comparing the values of numbers to 100.

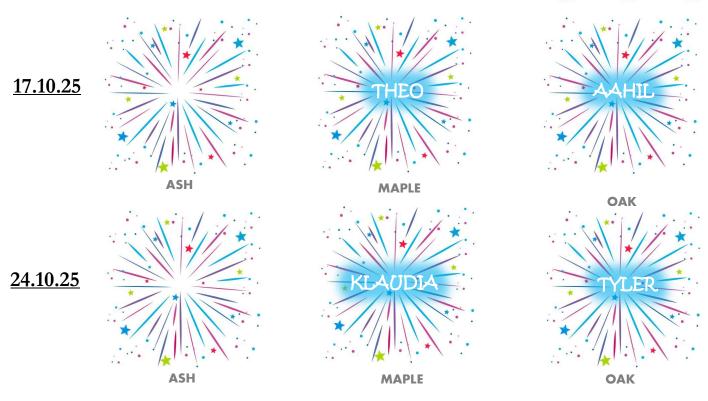
What a wonderful first half term it has been. Well done Oak class.



Celebration Assemblies...

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





Autumn Term (2) Curriculum Topics...

Below are the list of new topics that each year group will be starting for Autumn Term (2) when we come back to school on Tuesday 4th November. You can find out more about our curriculum topics on our website CURRICULUM LINK



EYFS

The new topic is **'Celebrate With Me.'** Immersion day is on **Wednesday 12th November**. Children in Ash Class are welcome to wear their best party outfits and bring a teddy for 'A Teddy Bear Birthday Celebration'

The new topic is 'Guess Who?' Immersion day is on Friday 7th November and we would like to invite the children to come dressed in their best clothes for a Royal Tea Party. Thank you.



YEAR 2

YEAR 1

The new topic is 'Time Travellers' Immersion day is on Friday 7th November. We are going to learn about Explorers. Children are invited to come dressed as an explorer like Florence Nightingale or Neil Armstrong or come in their own normal clothes.



SEND Coffee Afternoon...

On **Tuesday 4th November** we are inviting families to our Blue Sky Federation SEND Coffee Afternoon held here at Summerfield School.

We will be joined by Kate Addison (Pastoral Lead at Summerfield) and Emily Withington (Pastoral Lead at Heelands) who work closely with Kelly Wilson our SENCo.

There will be time to relax with a hot drink and chat with other parents.

It will also be an opportunity for you to give your input on how our SEND coffee afternoons could evolve in the future and what you as parents/carers would find useful.

Please follow the link below to confirm your attendance:

https://forms.office.com/e/7FMrpHy4vi



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







Poppy Appeal 2025 Merchandise

Heelands School is proud to support the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal again this year. We have a selection of items available for purchase to help raise funds for this important cause.

If you would like to buy any items, please send a named envelope into school with your child. The envelope should contain the correct money and a note stating which items you would like.

The items will then be given to your child to bring home.



Suggested Donations

Paper Poppy Badge/ Sticker – 50p Snap Band - £1.50 Reflector - £1 Bracelet – £1



Thank you for supporting this year's Poppy Appeal

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.

The children have been having lots of crafting fun at Wraparound Care this week





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.

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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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