



Heelands School News

The Best You Can Be—Everyone, Every Day

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

19th November **Dress-Down Day**

Children are invited to come to school in dress-down clothing in return for an [ONLINE](#) donation to Harry's Rainbow

22nd November **Charity Football Match for Isla**

Please do join us as a community in memory of Isla. Only £2
Held at Summerfield School

03rd December **Xmas Dinner—Booking Deadline**

If you would like your child to have a School Christmas Dinner you need to book before this deadline.

09th December **Whole School Xmas Performance** 2pm. Families are invited (2 members max)

10th December **Whole School Xmas Performance** 6pm. Families are invited (2 members max)

10th December **Xmas Dinner** For those who have booked.

19th December **END of Autumn Term (2)** School closes at 3:10pm for End of Autumn Term Break

Win a book – A chance to win each week!

We know that children who read well do well at school and in later life!

Currently all children who read at least 4 times a week are given a ticket that is entered into the prize pot.

Miss Daley picks a few tickets each week and the winners choose a book to keep from our wonderful book trolley.

All of the books are new and requested by the children which makes it very exciting!

We are worried that a number of children are not reading regularly, so this weekend is a wonderful time to reset your reading habits with your child.



HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Since returning to school, the children have taken part in a range of exciting Immersion Days. It has been wonderful to see them so engaged and enthusiastic as they explore new topics and experiences. Their curiosity, creativity, and positive attitudes have truly shone, and we are proud of the fantastic start they have made to the term.

On Saturday 22nd November, a charity football match will be held on the Summerfield School field at 2 p.m. in memory of Isla, the daughter of our staff member Mrs Houghton-Bell. We warmly invite all families and friends to come along and support this special event. Tickets are £2, and all proceeds will go towards Harry's Rainbow.

Isla was a much-loved pupil at Summerfield, and we miss her dearly. This event is a meaningful opportunity for our school community to come together in her memory. Donations of raffle prizes are also very welcome. Please bring any kind contributions to school by Friday 21st November. Thank you.

Next week also marks the start of Children's Grief Awareness Week, and our staff have planned some gentle and sensitive activities to support the children. These will provide safe opportunities for them to talk about, remember, and honour people or pets who are no longer with us. Our aim is to help your children explore their feelings in a nurturing and supportive environment.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support. Have a lovely weekend- it looks to be a wet one!

Take care,

Becky Daley,
Associate Headteacher

**children's grief
awareness week**

17th—23rd November 2025



EYFS - Ash

This week in Ash Class we have continued to look at the Naughty Bus. We have been printing with vehicles, making playdough people to go on a bus journey, making buses from building blocks and using our sounds to write words about the story.

On Wednesday we had our Immersion Day and the children had a fantastic day! We made jam sandwiches, iced biscuits and made party hats. The day ended with a tea party where we ate our party food and enjoyed a good boogie! We saw some impressive dance moves!

Today was all about Pudsey bear! We talked about children in need and how it helps children less fortunate. The children then enjoyed an array of Pudsey themed activities.



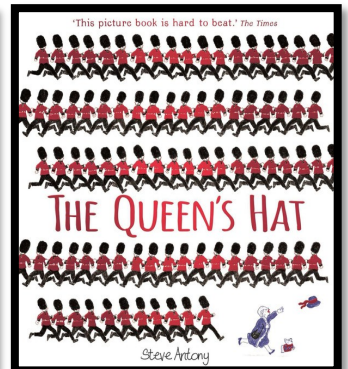
YEAR 1 - Maple

In Maples class we have started our new topic 'Guess Who?' The children had great fun on our Immersion Day where they got to come to school dressed in their best!

We made bunting, decorated cupcakes and had a Royal Tea party. The children did some fantastic dancing and had a lot of fun!

We have started our first ever History lessons - the children are really enjoying this and have loved learning about Guy Fawkes and Queen Elizabeth II.

We have started our story 'The Queen's Hat' and the children are fantastic at remembering how to retell the story.



YEAR 2 - Oak

Oak class have kicked off their time travelling adventures by learning about Space Race heroes like Catherine Johnson and Neil Armstrong.

Inspired to travel to space ourselves we have then learnt about the features of rockets and how they have to be stable, aerodynamic and strong in order to survive extreme pressures. We have then designed our own bottle rockets are waiting for suitable day to launch them.

In the next couple of weeks we will be learning more about the fearless heroes of nursing Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale.

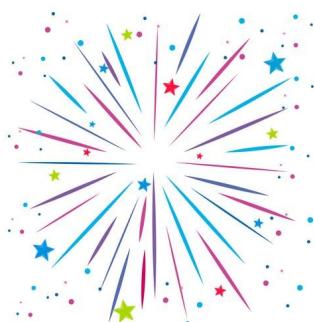


Celebration Assemblies...

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

VALUES

07.11.25



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MAPLE



OAK

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School Values...



Our Values - **Resilience**



Our Values - **Respect**



Our Values - **Responsibility**



This Month we are focusing on **RESPECT**.

Each Monday in our assembly, we will be thinking about what it means to be respectful and what that may look like.

Miss Daley really enjoys these assemblies with the children and she looks forward to sharing their ideas in the next newsletter.

SEND Coffee Afternoon...

On **Tuesday 4th November** we welcomed parents and carers across the Blue Sky Federation at Summerfield school for a SEND coffee afternoon which was well attended and a great success. We are very grateful and thankful to the parents who came and we have received some very positive feedback including, *"more coffee afternoons please!"*

Conversation flowed, as did the tea and coffee (although the biscuits were left untouched!). There was a useful discussion around services and experiences that are available for children with SEND such as SEN soft play sessions, SEN cinema sessions, SEN trampoline park sessions, PACA (Parents and Carers Association) and more. Parents and Carers were able to share their experiences and swap advice in a safe space giving each other support.

Going forwards, coffee afternoon discussions will be led by parents and we are open to any suggestions or ideas you may have about how we can develop.

A big thank you must go out to Laura Parker (FOSS), Kate Addison (Pastoral Lead at Summerfield) and Emily Withington (Pastoral Lead at Heelands) for supporting the event as well as the lovely ladies in the office who greeted our guests.

The next coffee afternoon will take place at Heelands School on **10th December at 2pm.**



Remembrance Day...

On Tuesday 11th November we marked Remembrance Day with a school assembly and everyone participated in the 2 minute silence to reflect on those who have given their lives for us during the conflict of war.

Thank you to everyone as well who supported our Poppy Appeal on behalf of the Royal British Legion. *"Every poppy shows you care about the lives of our Armed Forces community and helps us continue our vital work supporting serving and ex-serving personnel their families"*

You can find out more about the Royal British Legion and the important vital support they give here:

[Who We Are](#) | [Armed Forces Charity](#) | [Royal British Legion](#)



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"*

Children In Need...

On **Friday 14th November** we supported 'BBC Children In Need' with a whole school non-uniform day as part of The Blue Sky Federation.

We managed to raise an incredible: **£317**

Thank you so much to those who supported this event. Your kind donations for BBC Children In Need helps children and young people across the UK to rebuild their lives.

You can find out more about the amazing work they do [here](#).



Child Grief Awareness Week...

On Monday 17th November — Sunday 23rd November it is Child Grief Awareness week.

We will be holding various activities throughout this week to recognise and highlight how children are impacted by grief for those who have lost someone close to them or a special family pet.

DRESS-DOWN DAY

As part of this week we will be supporting the fabulous local charity **Harry's Rainbow** who are the only charity in Milton Keynes to support bereaved children.

We will be holding a dress-down day on **Wednesday 19th November** and the whole school is invited to come dressed in non-uniform in return for an online donation to Harry's Rainbow.

You can donate here: [HEELANDS DRESS-DOWN DAY - HARRY's RAINBOW](#)

[Children's Grief Awareness Week](#)

[Homepage - Harry's Rainbow](#)



Dress-down Day!
Wednesday 19th November

DONATE: [HEELANDS DRESS-DOWN DAY - HARRY's RAINBOW](#)