

Heelands School News

The Best You Can Be—Everyone, Every Day

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 15th December** **Celebratory Clothes Week**
Children are invited to come to school in Christmas Jumpers or Celebratory Clothes for the last week of term.
- 17th December** **Colonel Custard**
Whole School
- 18th December** **MAPLES & SAPLINGS – Treat Day**
Children are invited to come to school in pyjamas/dressing gowns for Polar Express
- 19th December** **END of Autumn Term (2)**
School CLOSSES at 3:10pm for End of Autumn Term Break
- 05th January** **START of Term**
School OPENS at 08:30am for start of Spring Term (1)
- 9th January** **MAPLE Class—Immersion Day**
Children are invited to bring in a suitcase or travel bag for a trip to China!
- 9th January** **OAK Class—Immersion Day**
Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character
- 12th February** **END of Spring Term (1)**
School CLOSSES at 3:10pm
- 13th February** **INSET Day**
School is CLOSED to Pupils

HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we've had in school!

Our annual nativity, Born in a Barn, was truly outstanding. We were so impressed with the confidence, acting and beautiful singing shown by all our pupils. Every child shone on stage and should feel incredibly proud.

A very special mention goes to our youngest children in Ash Class, who looked completely at home performing to such a large audience. Their enthusiasm and bravery were a joy to watch!

Thank you to all families who attended and supported the performance. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces enjoying the entertainment.

A big thank you also to every member of our staff team, who work hard every single day to ensure that the children receive the very best care and education possible. Their dedication, warmth and commitment make our school the special place it is.

We are delighted to share that a brand-new screen has been installed in our school hall this week. This fantastic addition will help us enhance singing assemblies, P.E. sessions, music lessons and whole-school events.

We will also be giving it a trial run at lunchtimes with some festive films and music, adding a little extra sparkle to the run-up to Christmas!

As we finish 2025, we want to say a huge thank you to our families. Your ongoing appreciation, kind words and support mean more than you realise. We feel fortunate to be part of such a caring and supportive community.

Wishing you all a peaceful break and enjoy Christmas in the ways that you celebrate.

With all good wishes for a happy start to 2026

Ian Fraser-Kirkup and
Executive Headteacher

Becky Daley
Associate Headteacher



FESTIVE JOKES!

What music do Santa's Elves like best?

Wrap Music!

What did one Christmas tree say to another?

Lighten up!



EYFS - Ash

What a busy end to our term! We have now performed our amazing Nativity and Ash Class have really enjoyed the songs and all the dance moves that have been taught. We hope you enjoyed watching the performance as we think everyone did amazingly!

In Literacy we have started our last story of the term, 'Gingerbread Man'. The children have been making gingerbread people out of playdough, painting and collaging gingerbread outlines and they have completed some super writing!

In Maths we have been consolidating our knowledge of numbers to 5 and then looking at routines we do at day and night linked to time. We will continue our learning next week alongside some fun activities too.

We hope everyone in Ash Class has a lovely holiday and enjoys spending time with their families.

See you all again in January!



YEAR 1 - Maple

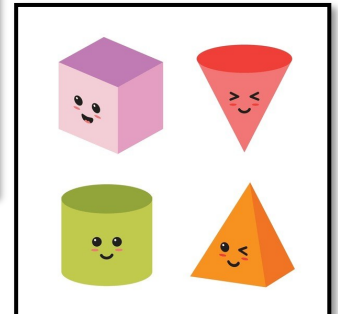
In Maples Class we have been very busy with the Nativity rehearsals!

We have finished our hot write for our story The Queen's Handbag and tried really hard to use our full stops, finger spaces and capital letters.

In DT we have been designing and making our own London buses! We painted them red and then learnt how the wheels, washer and axles work to help make vehicles move.

In Maths we have been learning to name 3D shapes such as a sphere, pyramid, cone, cylinder, cube and cuboid.

Great work, Maple Class.



YEAR 2 - Oak

Oak class have really worked hard to improve their writing and this was shown in their diary writing where they pretended to be Florence Nightingale.

Handwriting and letter formation is really improving across the board.

In Maths we have been exploring our addition and subtraction skills, using lots of practical apparatus to help us.

We have also worked very hard on some space art which we will be bringing home as part of our Christmas present and we finally got to fly our rockets and to decide which was the best design to launch astronauts into space.

Addition and Subtraction

add
total + sum
and plus
altogether

subtract
less - take away
minus difference

equals
= makes

Numberline Addition

$3 + 4 = 7$

Connection between + and -

$4 + 5 = 9$
 $9 - 4 = 5$
 $9 - 5 = 4$

10s Facts

$0 + 10 = 10$ $2 + 8 = 10$ $4 + 6 = 10$
 $1 + 9 = 10$ $3 + 7 = 10$ $5 + 5 = 10$

Commutativity

$2 + 3 = 5$
 $3 + 2 = 5$

Doubles

Near Doubles

Celebration Assemblies...

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

VALUES

05.12.25



ASH



MAPLE



OAK

12.12.25



ASH



MAPLE



OAK

Attendance...

Heelands attendance up to 5th December was **91.9%**

ASH — 91.6%

MAPLE — 88.2%

OAK — 95.3%

A whole school improvement of **3.6%**, well done everyone.

Keep it up and even better!

95%	=	40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR
ATTENDANCE FIGURES
ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days

Squirrels and Saplings trip...

On **Monday 1st December** some of our Saplings and Squirrels children were invited to tour the Blue Light Hub in Bletchley.

They had an amazing time experiencing the ambulance and police car...including lights and sirens! They went into the fire appliance and used the thermal heat camera, before putting out some "flames" with the hose (and getting one of the fire fighters wet)

The trip ended with them dressing up in police uniforms before heading back to school on the minibus for lunch.

PC Sadnani emailed to say I hope the children (and the adults!) enjoyed this morning, I know I certainly did!

The children were all fantastic and really well behaved, they were an absolute credit to your school!

Well done Saplings and Squirrels!



Nativity Performance...

On **9th and 10th December** we held our whole school Nativity Performances. We are so incredibly proud of all the children and the hard work and dedication they have each shown. From learning all the songs and actions to learning their lines.

We would also like to thank all the tremendous staff involved for their amazing efforts with the Nativity and for helping it to run smoothly.



SEND Coffee Afternoon...

On **Wednesday 10th December** we held our second SEND Coffee Afternoon.

These are fantastic opportunities to be able to connect with other SEND families and find out how we can help support you and your family.

Do look out for the next date (to be confirmed) which will be held in January 2026.



Celebratory Clothes Week... Can You Help?...



During **Monday 15th December—Friday 19th December** children are invited to come to school wearing Christmas jumpers or celebratory clothing for the last week of term.



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

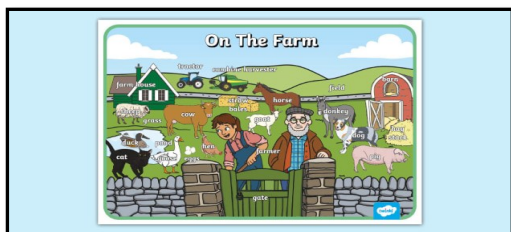
Organising events requires a lot of helping hands and we are just reaching out to see if any of our lovely parent/carers would be able to lend a hand for a few hours to help assist with any events. Be it helping to set-up, run a stall or help tidy away; every helping hand makes the event run smoothly 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 Cindy in the office or send an email: office@heelands.org. Thank you



Spring Term (1) Curriculum Topics...

Below are the list of new topics that each year group will be starting for Spring Term (1) when we come back to school on **Monday 5th January 2026**. You can find out more about our curriculum topics on our website [CURRICULUM LINK](#)



EYFS

The new topic is **'Farmyard Fun.'**

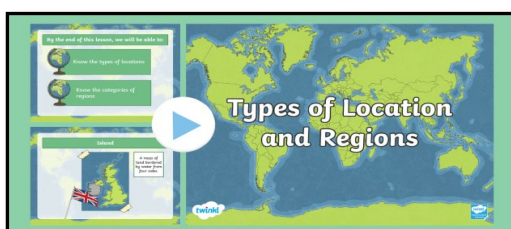
We will be having some special visitors to join us in the New Year!



YEAR 1

The new topic is **'Happy Holidays'**

Immersion day is on **Friday 9th January** and we would like to invite the children to come to school with their suitcase or a travel bag for our daytrip to China!



YEAR 2

The new topic is **'Location, Location.'**

Immersion day is on **Friday 9th January** and children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character. We will be making and cooking pizza and apple crumble on this day. Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements.

The Importance of Hand Washing...

Diarrhoea and vomiting in children

There's no specific cure for stomach bugs such as **Norovirus**. See tips to reduce the spread and treat symptoms

Keep kids home from school for



after symptoms have passed.
This is enough time to let the
virus run its course

If your child already has a serious
illness, or symptoms last longer
than a few days, contact your GP
to seek advice

Visit [nhs.uk/norovirus](https://www.nhs.uk/norovirus) for more

NHS choices



25

different
strains of
norovirus
are known to
affect humans.

They're the most common cause
of stomach bugs in the UK

Home Treatment



Liquid paracetamol is
useful for fever or
aches and pains



Give kids plenty of
water to stay hydrated
and replace lost fluids



If your child feels like
eating, give them foods
that are easy to digest

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