

Heelands School News

The Best You Can Be—Everyone, Every Day

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

12th February	END of Spring Term (1) School CLOSES at 3:10pm
13th February	INSET Day School is CLOSED to Pupils
16th Feb—20th Feb	February Half-Term
23rd February	School OPEN School OPENS at 08:30am for Spring Term (2)
23rd February	ASH Class Immersion Day EYFS Children are invited to come dressed as a Gardener. Wellies, warm clothes and waterproof jacket
24th February	OAK Class Walking Wood Trip
26th February	OAK Class Parents/Carers are invited to come and look at all their children's work and read a book together.
27th February	MAPLES Immersion Day Please come dressed for the day. Mrs Lui has shared ideas
27th February	Fun Friday: Dress-Down Day Children are invited to come to school in normal clothes.
05th March	World Book Day Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character
18th March	ASH Class Parents/Carers are invited to come and share learning from 2:30pm
19th March	MAPLES Class Parents/Carers are invited to come and share learning from 2:30pm
20th March	OAK Class Immersion Day Year 2 children are invited to come to school dressed as a passenger on board the Titanic
27th March	END of Spring Term (2) School CLOSES at 3:10pm

HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin to see the first signs of spring and enjoy brighter mornings and lighter afternoons, we would like to take this opportunity to focus on something that makes a real difference to every child in our school – attendance.

As a small school, every child truly counts. Each pupil plays a vital role in our school community, and when a child is absent, it is noticeable — not just in the classroom, but in friendships, group activities and the wider life of the school.

Recently, we have found ourselves in the lower percentage of similar schools nationally for attendance. We understand that the winter months have brought their fair share of coughs, colds and seasonal illnesses, which cannot always be avoided. However, even a few days of absence each half term can quickly add up and create gaps in learning.

Fun Fridays

To help boost attendance and celebrate being in school every day, we are introducing "Fun Fridays" for the next half term. Every child is invited to come to school in their own clothes every Friday. We hope this will provide a fun incentive and something for the children to look forward to each week.

Monday Attendance Assemblies – Celebrating Success

Attendance is also celebrated weekly in our special Monday Attendance Assembly. During this assembly, we announce the class with the highest attendance from the previous week.

The winning class gets to choose from a variety of exciting rewards, including:

- 15 minutes of extra playtime
- Freeze Pop Friday
- A Just Dance session

And other fun activities and special treats

The children are already extremely well motivated and genuinely excited by these rewards. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and teamwork as they encourage one another to be in school and ready to learn.

Our goal is for every child to achieve at least 96% attendance, giving them the very best opportunity to succeed both academically and socially.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Becky Daley
Associate Headteacher



EYFS - Ash

Another two weeks have flown by and we have really had lots of fun (and lots of learning). We spent another week watching the chicks get bigger, and starting to grow feathers. We wrote simple facts about the chicks and enjoyed observing them. Some of the children even drew the chicks whilst watching them in their brooder box.

This last week the whole school have linked out learning to Alice In Wonderland with resources from the Royal Ballet Opera teaching resources. We watched the characters Alice and The White Rabbit preform small dances and then we moved our bodies in different ways. The children have also learnt the story, designed their own Mad Hatter Hats and made jam tarts for The Queen of Hearts.

We hope Ash Class have a lovely half term and look forward to becoming gardeners in Spring 2.



YEAR 1 - Maple

In Maples class we have been learning about materials in Science – we have explored magnetic and non-magnetic materials, natural and man-made. We had fun experimenting with what materials would be suitable to make an umbrella.

The children have worked hard on writing their fact-files about dogs, and even got to meet Ginny the therapy dog!

This week we have been very creative making a dance, and artwork for our Alice in Wonderland week. The children drew some amazing pictures of Alice and were very proud of them.



YEAR 2 - Oak

In year 2 we have been working really hard in Geography learning the similarities and differences between rural and urban areas, as well as reminding ourselves of maps skills, route planning and global facts about continents and oceans.

This week we have been exploring Wonderland as part of Art week and have made wonderful abstract drawings in response to music as well as a dance inspired by the Royal National ballet and designing our very own wonderland out of junk modelling materials!



Celebration Assemblies...

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

VALUES

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FUN FRIDAY

After half term there will be a new initiative - **Fun Fridays!**

For Spring 2, every Friday will be **dress down**

The first half of the summer term: **Special snack**

Second half of the summer term: **Special playtime**

Individual classes will also be holding occasional '**Attendance Weeks**' where all children who come in everyday, on time, for the identified week will receive a **lolly** on the Friday.



Dress-down Day!

FRIDAY 27th FEBRUARY

World Book Day...

THURSDAY 5TH MARCH IS WORLD BOOK DAY.

Children are invited to come to school dressed as one of their favourite Book Characters.

World Book Day is all about helping children enjoy reading in their own way – whether that's sharing stories together, listening to audiobooks, reading comics, or dipping into non-fiction.

This page brings together ideas, resources and practical information to help you make the most of World Book Day with your family. [World Book Day for Families: Celebrate Reading Together](#)

Further details will be announced of the exciting activities we have planned for World Book Day in school.



WORLD
BOOK
DAY

5 MARCH 2026



Have you checked...

If you can answer YES to any of the below,
you may be eligible for
Free School Meals / Pupil Premium

The School Office will help with your application.

If your application is successful, not only will your child receive free school meals, but our school will receive £1,515 additional funding (per child). This is called Pupil Premium.



ALL APPLICATIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- 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
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

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IS MY CHILD TOO ILL TO GO TO SCHOOL?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor coughs & cold	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ear infection
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sore throat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cold sores
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conjunctivitis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tonsillitis
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Respiratory infections	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Head lice

GO TO SCHOOL



Whooping cough Covid

High temperature Flu

Chickenpox Scarlet fever

Diarrhoea & vomiting Measles

STAY AT HOME



VOMITING
 Your child must be 48 hours clear from the last bout of vomiting before coming back to school

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

School **CLOSES** on Thursday 12th February at 3:15pm
 Friday 13th February is an **INSET Day**
 and School is **CLOSED** to Pupils
 (HALF-TERM Monday 16th—Friday 20th February)

School **OPENS** on Monday 23rd February at 08:45am.

