



Heelands School News

The Best You Can Be—Everyone, Every Day

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 21st May** **School Census Day**
Please help us with our school funding and order your child a St Paul's school lunch for this day via WisePay, thank you.
- 22nd May** **School CLOSSES at 3:10pm**
END of Spring Term (2)
- 25th May– 29th May** **MAY Half-Term**
- 01st June** **School OPENS at 08:30am**
START of Summer Term (2)
- 12th June** **INSET Day**
School CLOSED to Pupils
- 17th June** **Sports Day (Actual)**
- 18th June** **Dress for Dinners Day**
Dress-Down Day raising funds for St Mark's Meals in return for an online donation
- 22nd June** **Sports Day (Reserve)**
Reserved Sports Day incase of wet weather on 17th June

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



Every School Day Counts!

HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents and carers

Thank you so much for all your support for our recent Book Fair. It was wonderful to see so many families visiting and encouraging a love of reading. We are currently totalling up how much has been raised and will share the final amount with you next week.

Attendance has been much better this week, with whole school attendance rising to 96.4%, which is excellent and meant we hit our target for the first time this year. Thank you for your support in ensuring children attend school regularly and on time—it really does make a difference to their learning and progress.

We are also incredibly proud of how handwriting is improving across the school. Children are taking real pride in their presentation and we are seeing some very neat and precise work in classrooms. A special mention must go to Ash Class, who have been settling so quickly and positively to their Morning Work each day. Their calm and focused start to the morning has been fantastic to see.

A fortnight ago, we were also delighted to welcome the Benedetti Foundation into school for an exciting music workshop. The children explored pulse, rhythm, pitch and harmony through interactive activities, body percussion and live music, even composing and performing their own songs. It was a fun and engaging experience enjoyed by all.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish you all a lovely weekend.

Enjoy and take care,
Ian Fraser-Kirkup
Executive Headteacher



EYFS - Ash

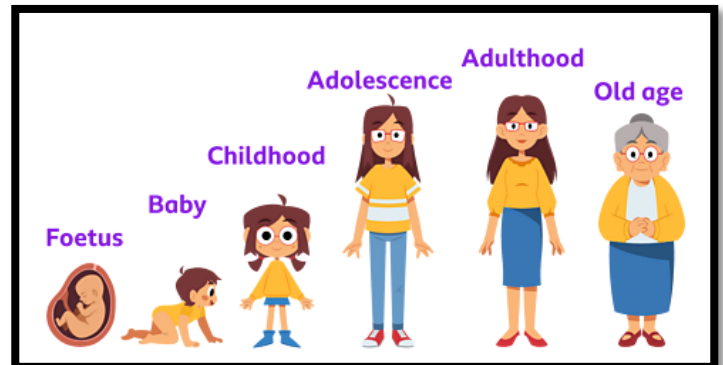
Ash Class have had a very busy and exciting two weeks!

Today, the children had lots of fun playing *Guess the Baby* using photos of each other when they were little. It linked perfectly to our learning about the life cycle of a human, and the children loved spotting similarities and changes as we grow.

We were also incredibly lucky to have some Paramedics come in and visit the children. They demonstrated CPR, showed us how to use bandages and showed us their equipment bag.

In Maths, we have been working hard on our addition skills and becoming much more confident when solving number problems.

Over the next two weeks, we are very excited to begin learning all about **Space**! Mrs Money has been busy redesigning our Book Corner ready for launch on Monday, and we cannot wait to explore our new topic together.

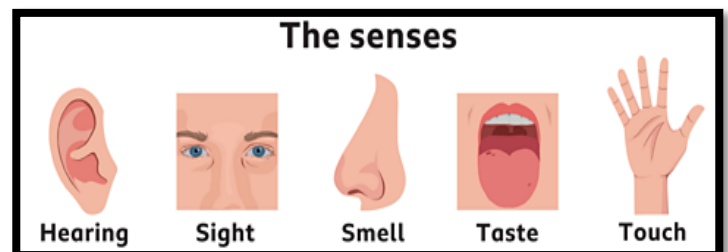


YEAR 1 - Maple

In Maples class, we have been very busy learning about our five senses in Science. So far, we have looked at our sense of sight, and used torches to see how our pupils will get bigger or smaller. We have carried out an experiment to see whether our feet, cheek, arm or hands are the most sensitive to tell us which part of our bodies are the best for our sense of touch.

In English, we have been busy writing our hot writes for Supertato - Veggies Assemble!

In Maths, we have been looking at making and adding equal groups, and how to double a number.



YEAR 2 - Oak

Oak class have been busy learning how to make bread.

We have also begun our topic on fractions, learning about halves and quarters.

Our puppets are nearly all sewn and we are looking forward to designing and adding their shirts to them. All this whilst innovating the Goldilocks story to make it our own!

Great work, Oak class!



Celebration Assemblies...

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

VALUES

01.05.26



08.05.26



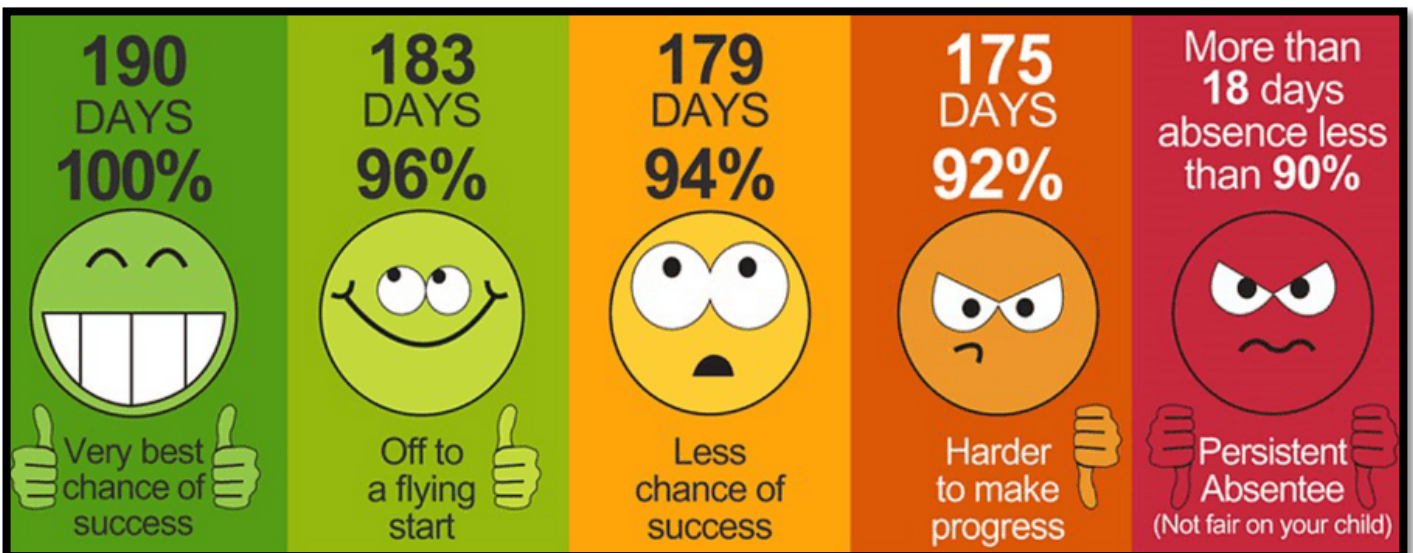
Attendance...

FRIDAY 08th MAY — CURRENT ATTENDANCE

ASH CLASS - **89.7%**

MAPLE CLASS - **91.0%**

OAK CLASS - **98.4%**



Book Fair...

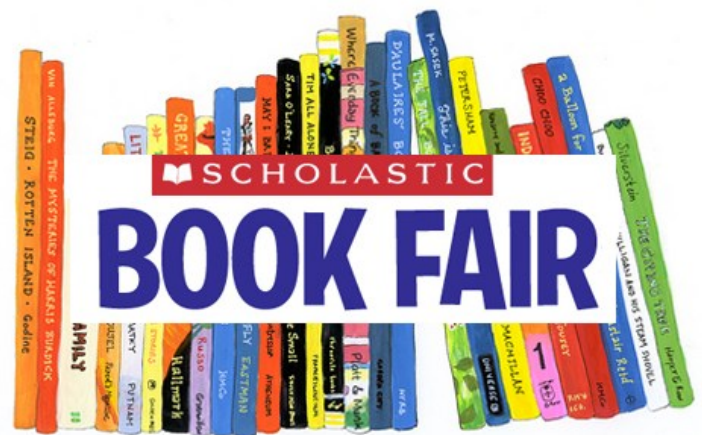
Thank you to everyone who attended our book fair which ran from 1st—7th May.

We had such a wonderful turn-out and we hope that the children will love all their books and enjoy reading them with you.

Thank you for your generous support with this event as it also earns us additional books for our school library.

You can find out more about Scholastic Book Fairs here:

[Scholastic Book Fairs - Scholastic Book Fairs](#)



School Census Day...

Every year, Heelands School is required to complete three statutory returns to the Department for Education. Part of the information sent is a review of the number of meals taken on Census Day (the next one is on **Thursday 21st May** from children who are eligible for **Universal School Meals / FSM or Pupil Premium**).

The Department of Education will fund schools the money for meals based on the number of meals taken on this specific day for these children. So, if your child did not take the meal on the 21st May but then you decided later in the year for your child to take up their free meal, school would not have the funds to pay for this; the school budget overall would be reduced significantly. We would then have less money to put towards school resources e.g., pens, pencils and exercise books.



On the 21st May to ensure we can receive the full funding, your child (**universal school meals / FSM or pupil premium children**) has been booked a meal based on their dietary requirements held by school for those that have not already booked.

Please help us by **not sending in a home packed lunch on Thursday 21st May**. As we have to record the actual meals taken, if you allow your child to have home packed lunch we lose the funding for them for the whole year and this has a huge impact on our ability to spend and resource across the curriculum.

We appreciate your support in this matter and thank you in advance for your help.

To celebrate the Census Day, our school lunch provider, St Paul's have created a special menu for the day.

This can be booked up until: **midnight on Wednesday 13th May**.

Free School Meals/Pupil Premium...



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

**If you can answer YES to any of the above,
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

Chickens—Help Needed...

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP WITH OUR CHICKENS AT SUMMERFIELD SCHOOL?

We need help with looking after our Chickens over the

MAY HALF-TERM

Saturday 23rd May — Sunday 31st May

Jobs will include letting them out, putting them away, changing water and topping up food.

FULL TRAINING WILL BE GIVEN.

If you would like to volunteer to help, we will add you to our rota.

We are looking for volunteers to do 2/3 days.

Please contact the Summerfield School Office:

Tel: 01908 662585

Email: office@summerfieldschool.org and we can add you to our volunteers list.



Spare Change of Clothes...

If your child is prone to having accidents, it is important that you provide your child with a spare change of clothes. Unfortunately, we do not have enough supply to provide for these events. Please also make sure that if you are given any spare changes of clothing from school that these are returned; **these items are not for you to keep**. They need to be used for other children in the unfortunate event that spare clothes are needed. Thank you for your understanding.

If you do have any spare clothes that you would like to donate such as jogging bottoms, skirts, tops and underwear for ages EYFS to Year 2 this would be extremely appreciated. Thank you so much for your help and support.



Wraparound Care...

Do you need early morning or evening childcare? We offer wraparound care run by members of our staff here at Heelands School. Currently we do have limited spaces available. Please do email: wraparoundcare@tbsf.org.uk if you would like to register your child. You can also find out further information on our wraparoundcare page: [Wraparound Care](#)

Breakfast Club is open at **07:45am** till **8:30am** (£4.00 per session)

After School Club is open at **3:10pm** till **6:00pm** (£13.00 per full evening session.)

(Includes snack. Collection can be anytime up until 6pm)

Please do email: wraparoundcare@tbsf.org.uk if you would like to register your child.

Breakfast and After School CLUB

Blue Sky Federation Wraparound Care is available for pupils who attend Summerfield, Heelands, Bradwell Village and Priory Common schools, operating from Heelands.

- Exciting Group Activities
- Creative Art & Crafts
- Fun and Engaging
- Snack included

4-11 YEARS OLD

LEARN MORE

01908 316 306

WRAPAROUND CARE@TBSF.ORG.UK



A brief guide to...

FIXED PENALTY NOTICE CHARGES FOR HOLIDAYS IN TERM-TIME

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Parents or carers can receive a FIXED PENALTY NOTICE (FPN) for taking their children out of school during term time for leisure or recreation.

1st Offence... The FPN is issued for the first offence at £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days, and £160 if paid between days 22-28.

2nd Offence... The second offence incurs a £160 fine per parent, per child, payable within 28 days.

3rd Offence... The third offence results in no penalty notice being issued and the case may proceed to the Magistrates Court. Prosecution can lead to criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.

Parents are advised to complete a leave of absence request form at least four weeks before the leave and return it to the school's Headteacher for authorization. The Headteacher can only grant leave in exceptional circumstances.