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## Herons' Moor Academy—Newsletter

### January 2026

This month's value is



*I am kind.  
I am respectful.  
I am patient.  
I am honest.*

*I am a  
Herons' Moor Citizen*

Dear Parent/Carer

As we fast approach the end of January, we can demonstrate this month's school value of positivity by looking ahead to February and the signs of spring.

In school we have lots of things to look forward to including our newly re-vamped school library which we are hoping will be a thriving environment for children to develop their love of reading. We would absolutely love some new books to inspire our readers so please visit our book wish list and kindly purchase a book for school—more details on next page <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/herons-moor>

Several year groups will be enhancing their class learning by going on a trip this term and we encourage all children to make the most of these opportunities: Y3 to Moon Hill Quarry as scientists, Y4 to Noah's Ark as scientists also, Reception to our local area as geographers and Y5 to Caerleon as historians.

Our Y6 children continue to work hard in their preparation for SATs in May and we are proud of all of them in terms of their commitment and determination to do well. We would like to invite parents of Y6 children into school for an informal meeting on **Thursday 12th February 5:00pm** to talk with you about SATs week, have a chance to look at the papers and for you to ask any questions so that you are able to support your child as best as possible to be successful.

Georgina Tinker

### Safeguarding

#### Well-being

#### **Supporting Children's Resilience during the January Blues**

January can be a challenging month for many of us—shorter days, cold weather, and the return to routine after the excitement of the holidays can leave children feeling low in motivation or reluctant to come to school. This is completely normal.

What matters most is how we help our children build resilience so they can move through these dips confidently and develop the habits that will support them throughout life.

The Thrive Approach website and has useful tips for parents:

<https://www.thriveapproach.com/news/how-to-build-resilience-in-children>

## Our re-vamped library

We are very excited to announce that we are giving our school library a re-vamp so that it is a positive environment in which children can develop a love of reading.



Part of this is making sure we have a thriving, well-stocked school library, full of the books that children really want to read. This is key to inspiring and engaging our pupils and we'd like to ask our community to help us make this a reality in our school, benefitting all of our children.

Our Wish List contains the books we'd love to stock our library and classrooms with but don't have funds for currently. The books on the Wish List are all available for purchase and many of them will also earn us 20p in extra free books for every £1 you spend. Your book will be delivered directly to school <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/herons-moor>



## Attendance

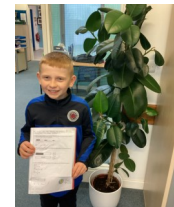
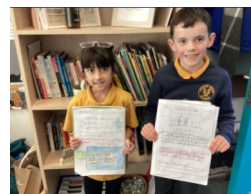
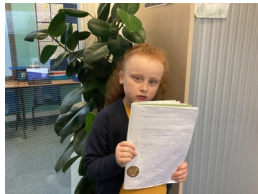
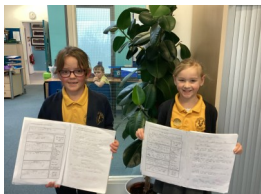
### Assessments

We would like to emphasise the importance of excellent attendance for all children when they have assessments. Research consistently shows that children perform significantly better in assessments when they complete them in their usual classroom environment and alongside their peers. Being present not only supports their confidence and focus, but also ensures they benefit from the familiar routines and reassurance that help them do their very best.

When children miss scheduled assessments and complete them later or separately from their class, they often feel less settled, which can negatively impact their performance. We want every child to have the fairest and most supportive conditions possible.

## Celebrating taking pride in our work

These children have worked incredibly hard to produce quality work—we are proud of you!



## PTA update

We have two key events coming up:-

**Dancing Through the Decades - Night at the Royal Hotel, WSM - Friday 27 February**  
( see attached poster) Buy your tickets here <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/through-the-decades>



**Easter Egg hunt/Trail - 2nd April**

We would welcome anyone able to support the running of any of the above events in any way particularly from any Reception parents and carers. Any questions just ask one of us or email us at [pta@hma.clf.uk](mailto:pta@hma.clf.uk) Tori and the PTA team.

## Dates for your diary

<b>TERM 3</b>			
29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Thurs		Forest School – Yvonne Matthews Y4 Swimming
30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Fri	9.00am	Celebration assembly
2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Mon	9:00am	Performance Poetry Y4 in assembly
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Tues		3H Trip to Moons Hill Quarry
4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Wed		3M Trip to Moons Hill Quarry
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Thurs		Forest School – Yvonne Matthews Y4 Swimming
6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Fri	9.00am	Celebration assembly
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Wed	2:45pm	Year 4 Trip – Noah’s Ark Zoo Farm Celebration of Learning Y2
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Thurs	9:00am 2:45pm 5.00pm	Forest School – Yvonne Matthews Y4 Swimming Public speaking competition in assembly time Celebration of Learning Y5 SATS information evening for parents
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Fri	9am	<b>END OF TERM 3</b> Celebration assembly
<b>TERM 4</b>			
23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Mon		<b>START OF TERM 4</b> INSET DAY
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Tues		First day of term for children
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Wed	8.30am	Wake and Shake
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Thurs	All day	Forest School – Yvonne Matthews Y4 Swimming Y5- Bikeability
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Fri	9a AM PM	Celebration assembly Y5 Bikeability Y4 Bikeability
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Tues		Year 6 Trip to Bristol Museum
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Thurs	All day	<b>World Book Day</b> Forest School – Yvonne Matthews Y4 Swimming Y5 Bikeability
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Fri		<b>INSET DAY</b>

**INSET days 2026:** Monday 23rd February/Friday 6th March/Friday 3rd July

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DECADES](https://www.zeffy.com/en-gb/ticketing/through-the-decades)*



# FIGHTING FOR BREATH



Hello my name is Sophie although many of you may better know me as 'Mrs Tucker's daughter' at Herons Moor. I am a 24 year old paramedic working full time for the NHS. At 18 years old I was diagnosed with a rare form of asthma known as 'brittle asthma' which has led to a number of life threatening admissions to hospital and intensive care.

I am absolutely honoured to have been given the opportunity to run London Marathon 2026 in support of Asthma + Lung UK. This charity offers endless services to support individuals such as myself as well as additionally hosting charitable events for condition awareness and in aid of treatment advancements.

My goal is to raise £2500 for this incredible charity, a share of my page and every single donation, no matter how big or small will aid in making a huge difference and change lives.

Thankyou Xxxx

