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# Herons' Moor Academy—Newsletter

## September 2025

This month's value is  
respect



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

**I am a  
Herons' Moor Citizen**

Dear Parent/Carer

We have enjoyed the past couple of weeks in school and it has been great seeing children and adults alike fully get back into the routines and expectations of life at HMA.

Our new reception starters have impressed us with their smiles, energy and resilience with embarking on their school journey. They have loved discovery time, have enjoyed making friends and have found lunchtime lots of fun. We are proud of them all!

Personal development is important to us all and I am pleased to say that forest school and swimming have now started as well as the opportunity to take part in extra-curricular clubs. We have had visitors from St Giles Trust talk to our older children about the potential dangers of gang culture, our fabulous Wake n Shake and parent welcome meetings. Thank you to all those who attended.

It will be non-uniform day next Friday (26th Sept) with donations of £1 going towards supporting our school young carers group— payments can be made on MCAS or £1 coins.

Thank you for your patience with our new MCAS system while we strive to get it working smoothly.

### Safeguarding



Place2Be has produced a parenting advice service on their website. This provides parenting advice written by child mental health experts and offers practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour.

There are currently 54 topics including 'De-escalation techniques with children', 'Help your child manage separations and goodbyes' and 'My child doesn't want to go to school'. Most topics include a short video and some written guidance.

This is an excellent resource and could provide much needed support for parents/families who are struggling.

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk>

Georgina Tinker

## Reminders

As we settle into the school term, we'd like to remind everyone of the importance of driving and parking safely around the school premises as we have had some complaints already.

- Driving slowly and attentively near the school gates and surrounding streets.
- Avoiding parking on double yellow lines, zigzag markings, or in front of driveways.
- Using designated drop-off zones where available, and not stopping in the middle of the road.
- Being mindful of pedestrians,

**PTA news** Our first Treat Stall of this academic year will be on **Friday 26th September 3:15pm** in the school playground so bring along £1 coins to spend or your phone ready for a QR code.



As always if you have any ideas, questions, feedback or if you want to help in any way, please emails us at [pta@hma.clf.uk](mailto:pta@hma.clf.uk)

## Attendance matters



Thank you to all parents/ carers who have made the effort to ensure your child has had a good start to the year by being in school—our whole-school attendance has been 97% this week which is above the national average. We are aiming to keep it that way!

So as a reminder, whilst we understand that family time is important, and holidays are a cherished opportunity to relax and recharge, we kindly ask that you plan these during official school breaks wherever possible. Our aim is to give every child the best chance to succeed, and consistent attendance plays a key role in that.

## Why not kick off the new school year with Snacktember?

Help children build healthy, sustainable snacking habits that last? What Is Snacktember? Snacktember is more than just a catchy name—it's a national movement aimed at improving the snacking habits of young people. With research showing that 79% of young people aged 10–13 consume two or more snacks daily, and many of these being high in sugar, salt, and saturated fat it makes sense to make, a meaningful change.

### Why It Matters

Snacking is a major part of children's daily diets, and poor snack choices can contribute to long-term health issues. Snacktember aims to:

- Boost energy levels with nutrient-rich options
- Improve concentration and mood during the school day
- Promote sustainability by encouraging snacks that are better for the planet. These benefits will help carry your children through the academic year, supporting their physical health, emotional resilience, and academic success every step of the way.

Find out more at <https://www.nutrition.org.uk/snack-tember-2025/>

Our new staff Mrs Harding and Mrs Manning have been settling in well with our new reception children and Nicholas Smart has made the decision to leave Herons' Moor Academy with effect from the end of August 2025. I'm sure all colleagues will join me in wishing Nick all the very best for the future.

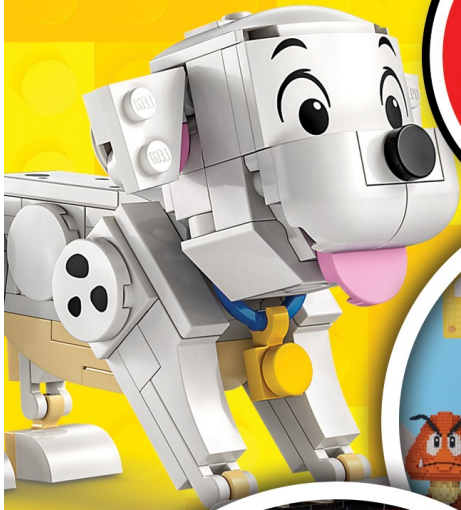
## Dates for your diary

23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Tues	All day	No Outsiders Day with Andrew Moffat
25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Thurs	PM	Forest School – Yvonne Matthews Y4 Swimming
26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Fri	All day 3:15pm	Non-inform day for Young Carers PTA treat stall
2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Thurs		Forest School – Yvonne Matthews Y4 Swimming
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Fri		Flu Clinic
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Tues		Year 6 Life Skills trip
9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Thurs		Forest School – Yvonne Matthews Y4 Swimming
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Tues		Parents evening Individual Student Photos –Tulip Photography
16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Thurs		Parents evening Forest School – Yvonne Matthews Y4 Swimming
20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mon	2:45pm	Celebration of Learning Y3
21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Tues	2:45pm	Celebration Of Learning Y2
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Wed		<b>END OF TERM 1</b> for children
TERM 2			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Mon		<b>START OF TERM 2</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Wed		Wake n Shake
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Thurs		Y4 swimming Forest school Y2
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Thurs		Swimming Forest School Y2
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Fri		Children in Need Day

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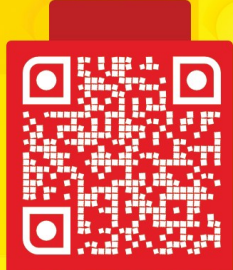
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