14th September 2026

HERONS' MOOR ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Message from The Principal





It was exciting last week to welcome everyone back to school after the summer holidays. We hope you were able to take some time as families to enjoy the sunshine and blue skies.

Children and staff have started the academic year with a super positive attitude and it has been a privilege to drop into classes to see how well routines and expectations are being embedded.

I have listened to parent feedback around the newsletter and have developed the format so that, hopefully, it is easier to read and open on phones aiming to improve how messages can be shared more readily.

Get involved

Meet the teacher sessions

Take the opportunity to come into school at the start of this academic year to meet your child's new teacher and to hear key messages about life in their new year group. The times are as follows:

Y1: Thursday 10th Sept 2:45-3:15pm
Y2: Monday 14th Sept 2:45-3:15pm
Y3: Tuesday 15th Sept 2:45-3:15pm
Y4: Thursday 17th Sept 2:45-3:15pm
Y5: Thursday 10th September 2:45-3:15
Y6: Wednesaday 16th Septemebr 2:45-3:15pm

Celebrations of Learning - New Look!

We think it's great that you come in and take an interest in your child's learning at the end of a term. This year, one afternoon will be looking through work while your child talks about it and the other will be a presentation by the year group about their learning that term. Look at out for your year group's dates

PTA news

We are excited to be raising funds again this year to support activities and resources for children at HMA. Last year, our PTA funded the following:

Our first meeting is Wednesday 16th September 7:15pm at The Summerhouse where will discuss ideas for the year to raise money. Our aim is to raise enough to buy a huge storage shed to support the academy embarking on their OPAL play journey.

Student News

Submissions for Student News

Does your child have a great story to share from outside of school? We would love to celebrate their achievements, whether it's in sports, music, or a special community project. Please let us know so we can share their good news with the school community in an upcoming newsletter by completing the Google Form sent out last week.

Attendance

Thank you all for making the effort to get your child back to school for the start of term. We had record-breaking attendance percentages last week (98.4%) so let's keep this up!

The start of the school year is a crucial time for children. During the first few weeks, pupils settle into new routines, build relationships with their teachers and classmates, and are introduced to key learning that forms the foundation for the year ahead. Missing school, even for a short period, can make it harder for children to catch up both academically and socially.

Celebrating results at HMA

This year, we are delighted and proud to say that we have achieved our highest outcomes EVER at Herons' Moor Academy across all statutory assessment points throughout primary education.

83% of our reception children met a Good Level of Development (GLD)reaching the expected standard in 12 specific Early Learning Goals across key areas of learning

88% of our Y1 children passed the Y1 Phonics Screening Check meaning they read at least 32 out of the 40 given words correctly

80% of our Y4 children achieved 25out of 25 in the Multiplication Tables Check

95% of our Y6 children achieved the Expected standard or higher in their reading SATs paper

86% of our Y6 children achieved the Expected standard or higher in their maths SATs papers

81% of our Y6 children achieved the Expected standard or higher for writing


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BACK TO SCHOOL
Online Safety Tips for Children
Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that – whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun – you can do it safely.
Be cautious with your profile
Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you offline. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private – so only your family and actual friends can contact you.
Lock your devices
Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you – but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!
Be smart with screen time
Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night: you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.
Know how to deal with bullies
Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online – by anyone, not just someone from school – talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.
Manage online relationships wisely
Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met – and who might not be who they say – is definitely best avoided.
React well to inappropriate content
When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened: they'll help you decide what to do next.
Report offensive in-game chat
If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.
Learn to spot fake news
If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too – if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.
Keep it 'real' with online friends
Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).
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Weekly Clubs for Term 1

Clubs Timetable
Term 1

Monday

Lunchtime 12:30

Book Club Y1-Y2

Art & Craft club
Y3 – Y6

After school 3:15- 4:15
Cricket Y1-Y2

Tuesday

Lunchtime 12:30

Journalist club
Y5-Y6

Wednesday

Lunchtime 12:30

Mindfulness colouring Y1-Y2

Science club Y3-Y4

Thursday

Lunchtime 12:30

Lego club Y1-Y3

Friday

Lunchtime 12:30

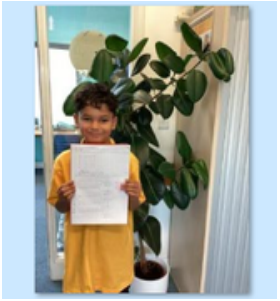
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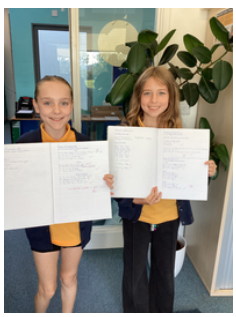
Clubs will run from Monday 14th September to Friday 23rd October

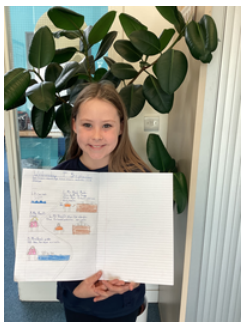
Maximum of 20 pupils per club

Learners' Insights

This week in school, I have had the privilege of seeing some great maths work and English work based on our whole-school text: Mrs Noah's Pockets by Jackie Morris







From the community

Best Start Family Hubs North Somerset

Welcome to Best Start Family Hubs North Somerset

For every family, every step of the way

We provide government funded activities as part of Best Start in Life



BEST START IN LIFE

HEALTHY BABIES

Community Activities

in nature



- Keepers Gate Forest school SEND specific sessions available
- Yeo Vale Forest school SEN sessions
- Mendip outdoor pursuits Inclusive outdoor sports sessions available
- Kingsmoor playground special needs play area Enclosed and secure playpark for children, young people and their families with SEND

with animals



- Bristol Zoo Project
- Noahs Arc Zoo Farm
- Puxton Park
- The Avon Centre horse riding
- Urchinwood Manor riding centre Stable management and riding sessions for children and young people with SEND

on a bicycle



- Strawberry Line Cycles adaptive cycles for hire and inclusive cycle lessons



NSSCP

NORTH SOMERSET

Safeguarding Children Partnership

Key Dates

TERM 1 SEPTEMBER		
Date	Time	Activity
3rd Sept	All day	**INSET DAY**
4th Sept	All day	**INSET DAY**
7th Sept		Children start/return to school
9th Sept	8:40am	Wake n Shake
16th Sept	7:15pm	PTA meeting
25th Sept	9:00-11:30	OPAL visit Rachel Murray

TERM 1 OCTOBER		
Date	Time	Activity
6th Oct	All day	Y6 Life Skills
7th Oct	3:15-5:00pm	PTA movie night
8th Oct	Morning	Nasal flu immunisations
13th Oct	Morning	Tulip indidual /siblings photos
13th Oct	3:30-6:30pm	Parents Evening
15th Oct	3:30-6:30pm	Parents Evening
19th Oct	2:45pm	Y2 Celebration of Learning
21st Oct	2:45pm	Y3 Celebration of Learning
22nd Oct	All day	INSET DAY
23rd Oct	All day	INSET DAY

Thursday 22nd October INSET DAY

Friday 23rd October INSET DAY

Monday 16th November INSET DAY

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