28th September 2026

# HERONS' MOOR ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

## Message from The Principal

We're now well settled in to the rhythm of the new academic year with adults and children already achieving incredible things in and around the academy.



Thank you to those of you who could attend the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions - we hope you found them informative and a chance to put a name to a face!

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs Brealey is expecting a baby which is due in March! We know that our whole school community will join us in congratulating her on this exciting new chapter and we will endeavour to cover this as smoothly as possible for the Y1 children in her class. Miss Isie Nagle has been successfully appointed to cover Mrs Solari's maternity leave from Term 2.

## Get involved

Thank you for supporting raising funds for our school Young Carers group last Friday by holding a non-uniform day. We raised £250 to enable our Young Carers leader to provide enriching opportunities for children who are carers for other people in their lives out of school.

## 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.

Monday 19th October 2:45pm Y2 parents invited in to school to share their child's learning from this term looking at their books

Wednesday 21st October 2:45pm Y3 parents invited in to school to find out about their child's learning from this term by a year group presentation in the hall.

## PTA news

We are excited to announce that through our fundraising we are hoping to purchase a large storage shed for the school's enhanced play programme called OPAL.Play leaders will be able to get the equipment out easily and hopefully put it all back in a tidied fashion. Don't forget to donate dressing up clothes this week to start us off on our OPAL journey.



## Student News

### Year 5 student

How fantastic that we get to celebrate Ehsan for winning an award with Lions Brass for Youth for his "Contribution to Junior Band". It was a total surprise for his family when his name was called out at the annual prize giving concert. Rachel the conductor said Ehsan has shown true dedication and skill on his cornet and trumpet. At just 10 years old he is at grade 4 level.





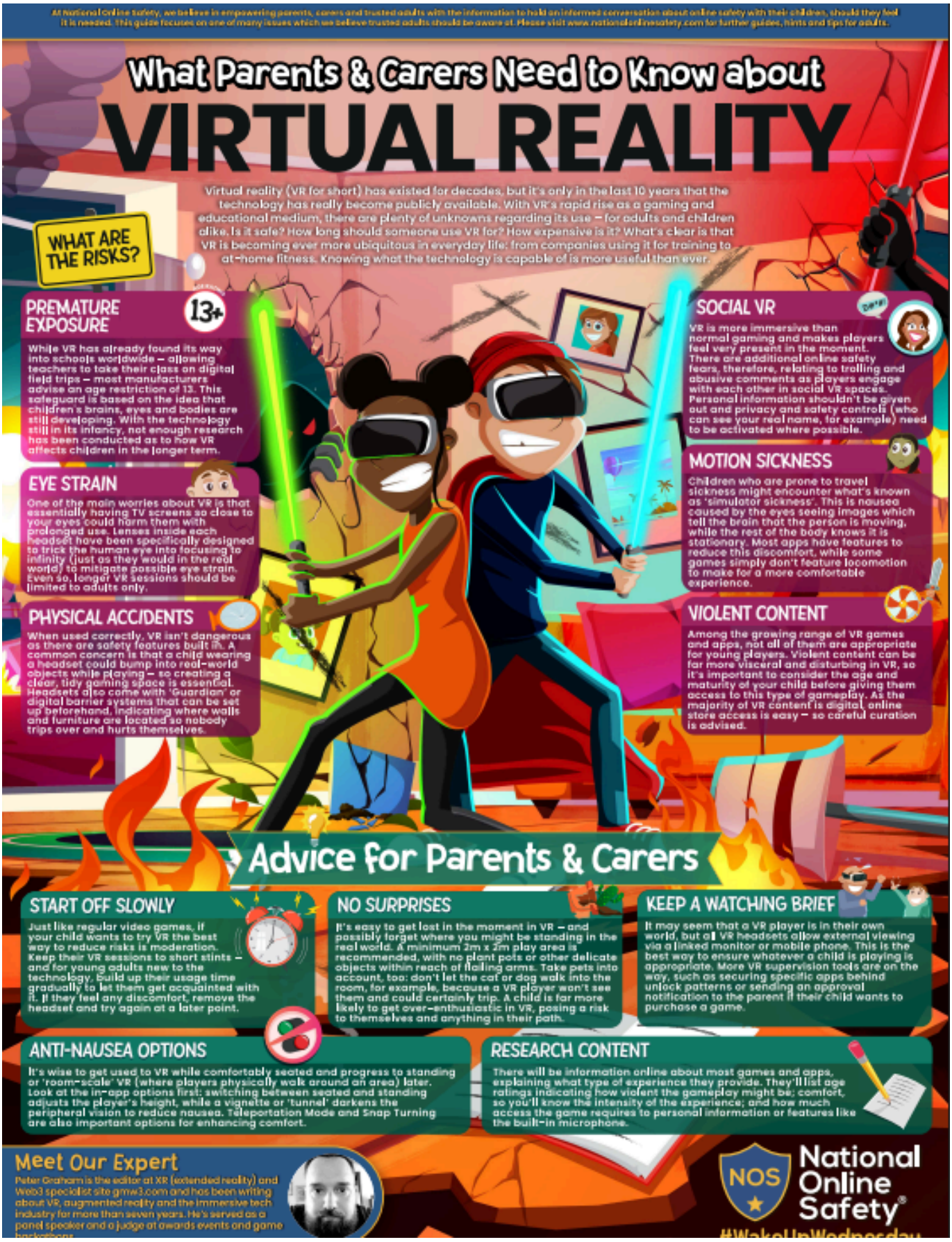


## Attendance

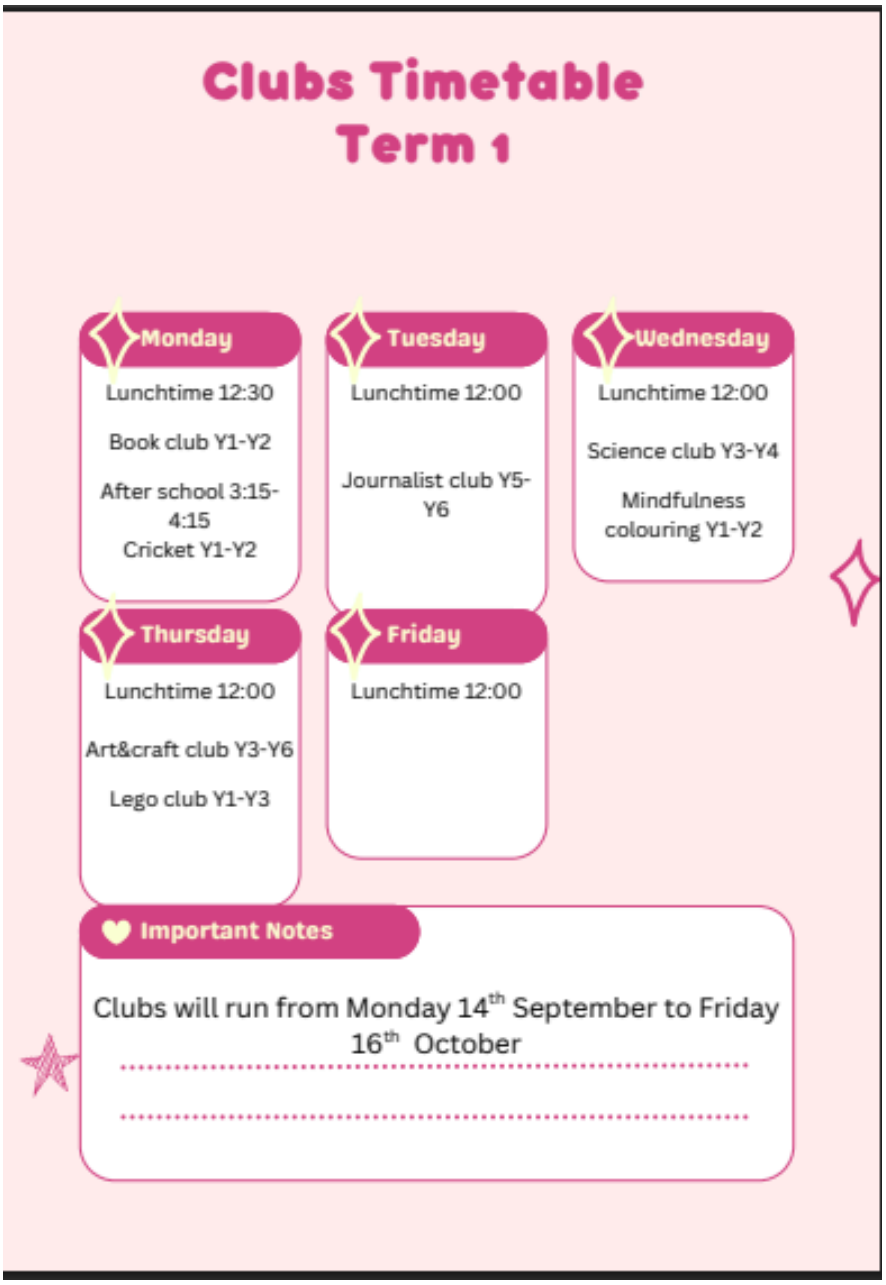
Thank you all for making the effort to get your child back to school for the start of term. We had record-breaking attendance percentages last week (98.4%) so let's keep this up!

Let's build on our strong start to the school year with positive attendance. Regular attendance is key to helping children make the best possible progress, build friendships, and feel fully included in school life. Every day in school counts, so we ask parents and carers to continue making every effort to ensure their child attends school every day and arrives on time. Together, we can give every child the best opportunity to learn, achieve, and thrive.

# Safegurding

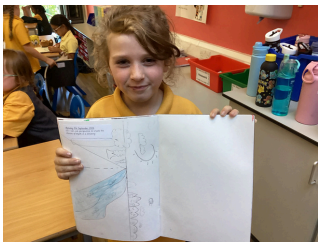


## Weekly Clubs for Term 1

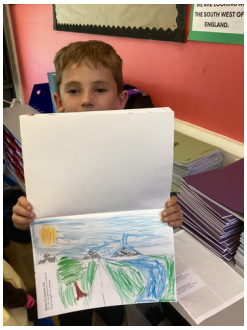


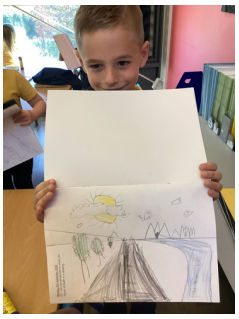

## Learners' Insights

**I popped into Y3 learning how to draw with persepctive and look what a great job they did!**









**From the community**



Understanding and Supporting

# Neurodivergent Children and Young People

**Free videos and printable guides for parents and carers**



A **free, evidence-informed** parent support resource for families of neurodivergent children and young people in **North Somerset.**

Practical, easy-to-understand videos with one-page "Fridge Guides" you can print and keep.

**Topics include:**

1. What Do We Mean by Neurodiversity and Neurodivergence?
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3. Masking: Why School and Home Can Feel So Different
4. Coming to Terms with the Idea of ADHD or Autism
5. Supporting Your Child Without Waiting for an Assessment
6. Supporting Big Emotions, Meltdowns, and Shutdowns
7. Everyday Challenges: Sleep, Eating, Transitions, and Independence
8. Looking After Yourself as a Parent

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**Created to support, not replace, professional advice.**
If you have concerns about your child, please speak to your GP, school or local support services.

# WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Preloved Clothes Create Big Adventures!

Play Imagine Create Explore

## OPAL DRESS-UP DONATIONS WANTED

Imagination today... brighter tomorrows!

As part of our OPAL Play Programme, we are looking to expand our dressing-up resources for children to enjoy during lunchtime play.




### Do you have any unwanted:

- Fancy dress costumes
- Hats and caps
- Scarves and handbags
- Old uniforms or workwear
- Waistcoats, jackets and shirts
- Accessories suitable for imaginative play






**...that could be given a new life?**



### Every donation helps to inspire:

- Creativity
- Social interaction
- Imaginative play
- Fun and confidence

Let clothes spark new stories!

Small donations make a BIG difference!

### Please ensure all items are:

- Clean
- In good condition
- Suitable for primary-aged children

**Donations can be brought to the school office from now on.**



Thank you for supporting OPAL and helping us create exciting play opportunities for all children!

Opal
Outdoor Play and Learning

Play • Imagine • Create • Explore

# Key Dates

| TERM 1 OCTOBER | | |
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| 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 |

## TERM 2 NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

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| 2nd Nov | Mon | **Start of Term** |
| 5th Nov | Thurs | Y6 Height and Weight Clinic |
| 13th Nov | Fri | Children in Need |
| 16th Nov | Mon | **INSET DAY** Anti-bullying Week 2026 |
| 20th Nov | Fri 6pm | PTA Bingo Night |
| 3rd Dec | Thurs 4:45pm | PTA Disco |
| 7th Dec | Mon | Year 4 Panto |
| 9th Dec | Weds | EYFS nativity KS1 nativity |
| 10th Dec | Thurs | KS1 nativity |
| 11th Dec | Fri | EYFS nativity |
| 16th Dec | Wed | Christmas Dinne |
| 17th Dec | Thurs | KS2 Christmas singing |
| 18th Dec | Fri | KS2 Christmas Singing End of Term |

Thursday 22nd October INSET DAY

Friday 23rd October INSET DAY

Monday 16th November INSET DAY

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