

Heron Newsletter – Term 6



Dates for your Diary

- 1 Sept - Inservice
- 2 Sept - Inservice
- 3 Sept - Term Start
- 27 Oct - 31 Oct
Half Term

Attendance –Please ensure your child is in school every day unless they are ill or have a medical appointment. Attendance Improvement meetings will be held next term for children who are persistently absent

Attendance
Possible attendance 100%
Actual Attendance this term is 94.12%

	Working at the expected standard and above Heron	Working at the expected standard and above National
Reading	78%	75%
Writing Teacher Assessment	76%	72%
Maths	67%	74%
Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation	81%	73%
R, W, M Combined	55%	62%
Science Teacher Assessment	84%	82%

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of the academic year, I would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year.

It certainly has been a busy year including our very successful Ofsted inspection, positive results in our SATs, Multiplication Tables Check and Phonics Screening- our children have worked so hard and demonstrated our Heron drivers well.

During the year the children have attended numerous trips and welcomed many visitors into school. The feedback from all who meet our children is always very positive.

I wish you all a fantastic summer break.

Mrs Brookes

Fond Farewells

The end of term sees us saying a fond farewell to Mrs Jones, Mrs Mumford and Miss Holland. We wish them all the best for the future.

EYFS NEWS

This term we have been busy learning about minibeasts. Our highlight of the term had to be watching our caterpillars turn into butterflies. It was lovely to see so many of you at our 'minibeast musical', the children loved dressing up and performing our minibeast songs.

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YEAR 1 NEWS

As we come to the end of a busy and exciting Summer term, we are so proud of all that the children in Year 1 have achieved! This term, the children have shown fantastic progress in reading, writing, and maths. We've explored fact files about African animals in English, developed our number skills, and enjoyed learning about plants in Science. Highlights have included our Africa day, our DT project where we made Safari vehicle and we had lots of fun on Sports day.

YEAR 2 NEWS



Year 2 had an incredible trip to Nature in Art! They explored various printing techniques, allowing their creativity to shine. They created beautiful butterflies through glass dipping and had the opportunity to meet an artist and gain insights into their work with felt and wool. The children enjoyed looking at the different forms of artwork and had fun on a sculpture hunt around the grounds. It was a day filled with learning, creativity and joy!

YEAR 3 NEWS

Year 3 have really been enjoying their tennis lessons with Pete. He has been really impressed with their skills!

The highlight of each lesson is always his amazing "Magic High Five!"

YEAR 4 NEWS.

Year 4 have had an exciting term. Swimming has been a great success and the children are all thriving in their sessions. During our art lessons we have been experimenting with printing based on the art deco movement, using natural shapes as inspiration. In English we have been looking at persuasive writing and have written letters to the characters in our power of reading text. In history, we have been learning about the mummification process in Ancient Egypt, and how their beliefs influenced it. In science, we investigated living things in our school grounds, and we've been building electrical circuits. In maths, we have been learning to tell the time using analogue and digital clocks. Please continue practising telling the time at home.

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YEAR 5 NEWS

Another successful term completed to draw an end to a super year from our Year 5s! We have had D.T projects completed; a fantastic Sports Day; incredible attitudes towards learning and self improvement; and much more besides. Well done Year 5 for all your hard work, both this term and throughout the year. Enjoy a well-deserved rest and we look forward to hearing about what you have been up to over the holidays! 😊



YEAR 6 NEWS

It has been a busy, but productive and fun final term in Year 6

After SATs, we began a new class book: Running On Empty. This has provided us with some great writing opportunities, whilst giving us chances to think about our dreams for the future as the character in the book had. Our Geography lessons have made us consider the impact that global warming is having on the planet, and our Science has provided us with further opportunities to refine our investigation skills, notably when using electrical circuits. Other highlights from this term have included Sports Day and our JCA residential trip. Both of these have provided us with lovely memories during our last term at Heron Primary School.

Pond Area Project

With generous donations from Morrisons and Proper Job. Heron School Council have been able to give our pond area make-over. The children have enjoyed helping to plant, water and generally look after the plants. We have even been able to purchase a small pear tree and are looking forward to fresh fruit next year!

Music News - Miss Wyndow

Picnic Proms Concert

We had a fantastic picnic proms concert out on the school field with solos and ensembles from pupils in Y3-6, with the finale being a showcase of our singing assembly songs. It was lovely to see families enjoying the music and the sunshine.

Y5 Music Trip

The Year 5 pupils had a wonderful day at Gloucester Academy. They had one session finishing their Samba music topic by putting their term's learning onto real Samba instruments. The other session was lead by Gloucester Academy and they got to play 'Hound Dog' on the Ukulele. Look out for letters in September about new and continuing music clubs.

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DT Competition

As winners of our in-school competition, three talented Year 5 pupils – Cole, Dakota, and Louie proudly represented Heron at the interschool event held at Coopers Edge Primary School on Thursday 26th June 2025. They joined pupils from nine other schools to present their projects in front of an audience of children, parents, and teachers. Our team impressed everyone with their enthusiasm and engagement as they confidently shared their work. The main challenge of the day was to design and build a bridge that could fit two cars side by side, support the most weight, and show creativity in its design.

Heron's team rose to the challenge brilliantly – and won! Each team member was awarded a special winner's certificate in recognition of their achievement. A huge congratulations to the whole team for their teamwork, clear communication, and shared responsibility.

A special thank you to the parents who came to help out for this event.



OPAL NEWS

This term the children have been having lots of fun making vehicles out of the loose parts and enjoying the new tents. It was lovely to see so many parents join us for the Stay and Play, we had over 270 parents and carers join us. Thank you to those of you who filled out the survey for feedback, this is always very useful as it helps us shape OPAL going forward. Please come back to school in September prepared for all weathers, children may need sun cream on one day and coats the next. Everyone will need wellies.

Thank you for all toys/ loose parts donated this term and on Non- Uniform Day, this really does help keep our resources fully stocked. We are currently looking for donations of loose parts so children can make dens. If you have anything you would like to donate but are not sure is suitable, please enquire at the office.

The Opal Team



BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS

We have been enjoying doing various crafts this term, which have included making wooden Ice Creams. There are limited spaces left for September so if you do require a place please enquire at office. Breakfast club runs from 7.45 until the start of the school day. All spaces need to be booked in advance as numbers are limited. When you drop off in the morning, please can you ensure your child is handed over to a member of the Breakfast team.

