

Heelands School News

The Best You Can Be—Everyone, Every Day

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 16th–20th December** **Christmas Jumper Week**
Children are invited to come to school in Christmas Jumpers or Tops all week.
- 20th December** **MAPLE Class**
Polar Express Day
Children can come to school in their pyjamas
- 20th December** **SANTA Visit**
Please return your booking slip and £2.50 before 17th December to book.
- 20th December** **END of Autumn Term (2)**
School closes at 3:10pm for the Christmas Break
- 6th January** **INSET Day**
School CLOSED to pupils.
- 7th January** **School OPEN**
Welcome Back!
School OPENS at 08:30am for the start of Spring Term (1)
- 17th January** **OAK Class – Immersion Day**
Further details to follow.
- 17th January** **OAK Class – Read with your child**
Parents are invited to come in and read with their child at 2:30pm.
- 14th February** **END of Spring Term (1)**
School closes at 3:10pm for the February Half-Term Break
- 24th February** **School OPEN**
Welcome Back!
School OPENS at 08:30am for the start of Spring Term (2)



HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday 10th December, we all debunked to Summerfield on a coach for the Nursery Rhyme Nativity. It was amazing to see so many of you - 100 people - to see the one-off performance. The children and staff worked very hard and practiced well despite not having a large enough space to put the whole show together at one. No one needed to worry - it was a brilliant spectacle! Thank you to everyone for your efforts to support your children.

Maple Class held a Christmas Craft afternoon on Thursday 12th December and it was wonderful to see so many parents come and join in the festive creative fun with their children.

Next week sees the start of more festivities. All children can wear Christmas jumpers and festive clothes all week and each class will have their own Christmas party. Santa may also pay a visit! Ho ho ho.

Thanks for all your support this term. We wish you all a wonderful Christmas break and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2025 on Tuesday 7th January.

Best wishes and take care,

Ian and Becky

FESTIVE FUN!

What did one snowman say to the other?

Do you smell carrots?



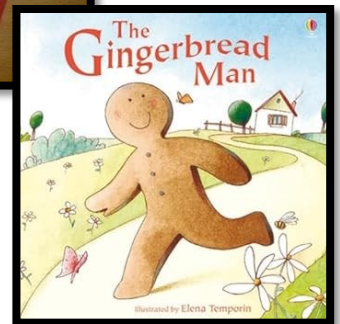
EYFS - Ash

We have been working really hard reading our green words and new books. Thank you to all the parents that are reading at home to support your child, we have noticed that their blending is getting better and better.

We want to say how amazing all the children were in our Nativity, especially Ash Class. It was their first ever performance and we were extremely proud that they all got on stage and sang, danced and played instruments.

We have finished off 'Room On The Broom' where they made their own CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant – e.g. dog, man) potions which they really enjoyed and we are now onto our final story 'The Gingerbread Man.'

In Maths we have been looking at routines linked to times of the day. We have ordered our bedtime routine, remembering to get into our pyjamas and brush our teeth before we go to sleep. We have also been learning about why people celebrate Christmas and the Nativity story. We wish you all a well-rested break ready for next term.

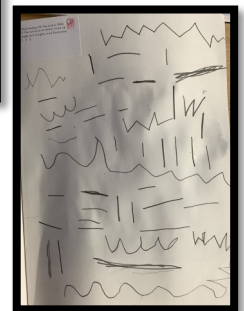
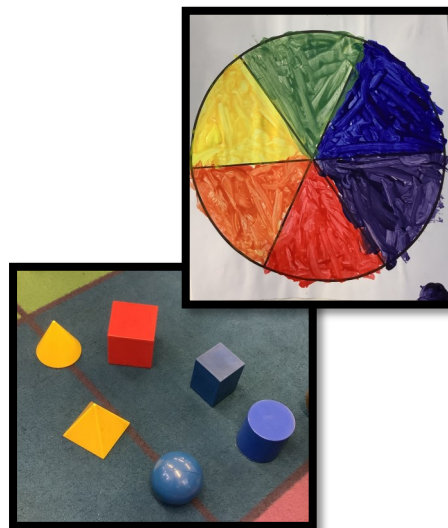


YEAR 1 - Maple

In Maples class this week the children have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. They have learnt to name and describe them, and then spot 3D shapes around our classroom.

The children have had great fun in Art this week, experimenting with different pencil sizes, making thick and thin lines. They have learnt about secondary colours and have mixed the three primary colours to make a colour wheel. The children have finished a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II and have used watercolour paints to paint them.

Maples class did a fantastic job with the Christmas Nativity and I am very proud of them!



YEAR 2 - Oak

Oak class have been learning all about how to stay healthy.

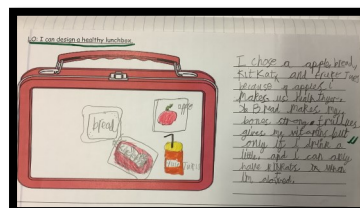
After watching our bread grow mouldy before our eyes we realised the importance of washing our hands!

We then learnt about having a balanced diet and finding out about all the different food groups and how they help us stay well and grow!

Finally we talked about the benefits of exercise and then created our own Jo Wickes style sports challenges, it was very tiring but fun!

All this whilst getting ready to perform our Nativity and learning how to add and subtract!

What busy Oaks we have been!



Investigate the importance of healthy eating
Friday 6th December
 A balanced diet must have all five food groups in the right amount. We grow, walk and play because of energy from our food.

Food group	Use in our body	Foods they are in
Carbohydrates	Gives us energy to work and play.	
Dairy	gives us strong teeth and bones	
Protein	Helps our bodies grow and repair .	
Fruit and Vegetables	Gives us vitamins to keep our bodies working.	
Fats and oils	Acts as an energy store .	

Celebration Assemblies...

SPARKLER

Congratulations to our Sparkler Children. These assemblies celebrate children's efforts in all areas of work and play.

06.12.24



**MAIRA
ASH**



DARIUS

MAPLE



OAK

13.12.24



**LEON
ASH**



SOPHIA

MAPLE



NOAH

OAK

Congratulations to our children who have excelled in all areas of our 4 core values:
RESILIENCE, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT, RESTORATIVE

VALUES

06.12.24



**JOE
ASH**



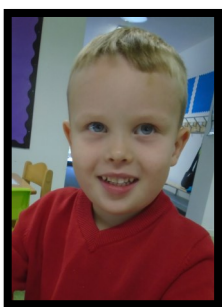
MEHRAN

MAPLE



OAK

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**ARONAS
ASH**



SHELDON

MAPLE



IYAH

OAK

Nativity...

TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER

It was an exciting start to the Nativity performance with travelling on a coach to Summerfield School!

The children all did brilliantly. They sang so confidently and performed all the actions to all the songs. We are so proud of you all. Well done to all the staff involved and their hard work with all the rehearsals. It was a wonderful Nativity.



Christmas Jumper Day...



Notices...

SANTA VISIT:

Friday 20th December

If you would like your child to visit Santa, please return your exact payment of £2.50 and booking slip, no later than 17th December. Thank you.



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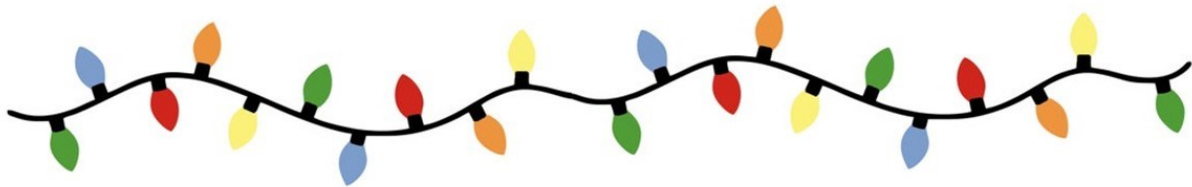
Friday 20th December: School CLOSES at 3:15pm

Monday 6th January: INSET DAY—School closed to Pupils

Tuesday 7th January: School OPENS at 08:45am



Christmas Parties...



CLASS

Christmas



PARTIES

MAPLE

Thursday 19th December

ASH

Thursday 19th December

OAK

Friday 20th December



Parties will happen during the school day.

Children can wear their party clothes or own clothes.

Wrap-a-round Care...



THE BLUE SKY FEDERATION

Wrap Around Care



BREAKFAST CLUB

from 07:45am

Costs £5.75

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

till 6:00pm

Costs £12.75

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and Priory Common School Children

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