



Newsletter | January 2026

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the Spring term and a new year! We have been so excited to welcome the children back to school and hear all about their holidays.

As always, we have lots planned for this term, and the teachers have been busy preparing for the term ahead.

Reception will be diving into the fascinating world of dinosaurs with their exciting 'Dinosaur Roar' topic—discovering different species, fossils, and how these incredible creatures lived.

Meanwhile, Year 1 and 2 will embark on an adventurous journey across hot safari landscapes in their 'Let's Go on a Super Safari' theme, learning about wild animals, their habitats, and the importance of looking after our planet.

You will soon receive a copy of your child's topic overview via email, please take a look and find out more about the activities that the children will be learning about - if you are able to offer any information or resources linked to this term's topics please do let your child's class teacher know so that we can enhance the children's learning further!

Please take time to read our regular newsletter as we use this to try to keep you informed of all the different events taking place in school. Information is also available on our school website; please visit www.heatheravenue.co.uk, our Facebook page [Heather Avenue Infant School](#) or follow us on twitter [@HeatherAvenue](#).

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FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES



Parent Support Advisor (PSA)



Mrs Muff is our Parent Support Advisor (PSA)

Many of you will already be aware that Mrs Muff, who works in the office, is also our school PSA. Her aim is to engage and work with all parents/carers, to encourage positive involvement in children's learning and well-being as well as support and sign post to any support required by parents/carers.

We know that there are times for all of us when we need someone to talk to, to listen and offer support and guidance without any fear of judgement. Mrs Muff works with many parents/carers to support them through difficult times, if you too require this service please do get in touch.

Start of School Day

Please remember that doors to school open at 8.30am for all children. Please ensure that children are in school by 8.45am, lessons start promptly once children are registered, please ensure that children are in school by 8.45am

Dates for the Diary

Friday 6th February 2026: NSPCC Number Day – **further information to follow**

Friday 13th February 2026: Last day of Spring 1

Monday 16th February 2026 - Friday 20th February 2026: Spring half term

Monday 23rd February 2026: Children return to school for Spring 2

Thursday 5th March 2026: World Book Day – **further information to follow**

Friday 27th March 2026: Last day of Spring 2

Monday 30th March 2026 - Friday 10th April 2026: Holiday

Monday 13th April 2026: INSET (Teacher training, school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 14th April 2026: Children return to school, for Summer 1

Monday 4th May 2026: May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)

Friday 22nd May 2026: Last day of Summer 1

Monday 25th May 2026 - Friday 29th May 2026: Summer Half term

Monday 1st June 2026: Children return to school for Summer 2

Friday 17th July 2026: Children finish school for Summer Holidays

A quick reminder for everyone:

Our playground is for supervised school use only, so please avoid using the equipment before or after school.

Children should only use school resources when a member of staff is present to keep everyone safe.

Personal devices, such as mobile phones, should not be used on school premises.

Please make sure we have your most up-to-date contact details—this helps us stay connected and keep you informed. If anything has changed, just let our office team know.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school a safe and welcoming place for all!

Attendance Reminder

We know that sometimes children are just too unwell to come to school and obviously this cannot be helped.

However, for other issues impacting on attendance we are here to support your child in coming to school each day – please do talk to your child’s class teacher, myself (Miss Coleman/Executive Head Teacher), Miss Lilley (Head of School) or Mrs Muff (our Parent Support Advisor) if you would like further support.

If you would like to access other support, please scan the QR code below



Attendance is a national concern and one which all schools are trying to address. We are grateful for your support and recognise the efforts that you all go to, to ensure that your children are in school on time each day – Thank you.

SEND Updates

Making Sense of SEND Information Fair - Sheringham on 21 January

FAO: Parents and carers, SEND staff

Who is it for?

Making Sense of SEND is for parents and carers, families of children and young people with SEND, and professionals working with them.

What is Making Sense of SEND?

Making Sense of SEND is a **free** event for parents and carers who have a child with SEND, and for professionals who work with them.

Making Sense of SEND brings services together in one place to support families.

It includes:

- Over 20 SEND services in one place
- Information stands offering advice, guidance and information
- An opportunity to speak to services in person, discover new services who may be able to help
- Listen to an informative talk given by **The School and Community Team**
- Opportunities to give feedback on experiences with an EHCP or SEND adviser representative
- Connect with other parents and carers in a similar position

Examples of services who attend the event:

- [Norfolk SENDIASS](#)
- [Dyslexia Outreach Service](#)
- [Kids](#)
- [Healthy Child Service, Cambridgeshire Community Services.](#)
- [NHS Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care Board \(ICB\)](#)
- [TITAN travel training](#)
- [Early Childhood and Family Service \(ECFS\)](#)
- [The Benjamin Foundation - Education and Community Support Worker for Young Carers](#)
- [Short Breaks](#)
- [Nansa](#)
- [Supported internships](#)
- [Family Voice Norfolk](#)
- SEND Participation Team
- [Family hubs](#)
- [School & Community Team](#)

When and where is the next event?

The next event is **Wednesday 21 January 2026** at the Sheringham Community Centre, Holway Road, Sheringham NR26 8NP.

What time?

1.30pm-3.30pm

What's happening at the next event?

- A **talk** from the School and Community team
- **Tell us and we will listen:** Some representatives from the EHCP and SEND advisor team will be available to hear your feedback. Spaces bookable on the day
- **SEND advisors available** to offer advice and support

Can children attend?

Children can attend with a parent or carer.

How to book?

Visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/msos to find out more information and to book your free place.

Tapestry

Tapestry is getting a new look!

We hope to be making use of the memo feature which we will use to send information and reminders.

Please look out for further details.

A big thank you to Miss Swain

Today will be Miss Swain's last day with us. We are very grateful for everything she has done, especially all the fun and activities at After School Club. We wish her well as she moves on.