



## Newsletter | February 2026

### The first half of Spring Term is speeding by!

We can't believe how quickly the first month of 2026 has gone, we have been so busy in school, doing lots of learning! Reception children have been learning through the theme of Dinosaurs, whilst Year 1 and 2 have been learning through the theme of going on Safari.

It has been wonderful to see the children in Reception creating wonderful dinosaur egg sculptures and listening to lots of wonderful dinosaur stories.

Children in Years 1 and 2 are learning about Africa, creating some wonderful animal sculptures and African habitats .

We also see all the children making lots of progress in their phonics, reading and Maths!

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February we will be having a NSPCC number themed Day with lots of fun maths activities for the children to take part in, as well as the option to come to school dressed in / as your favourite number!

We also have our Parent/Carer Consultations coming up in the week beginning the 9<sup>th</sup> February, more information and how to sign up will follow, but this is a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child's well-being and progress at school so please do come along.

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](http://www.heatheravenue.co.uk), our Facebook page [Heather Avenue Infant School](#) or follow us on twitter [@HeatherAvenue](#).

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### Friends of Heather Avenue (FOHA)

FOHA is working hard to raise funds for the children at Heather Avenue. Please see attached details of Easy Fundraising as well as our Heather Avenue Lottery!

This term we would like our events to include;

FOHA Mother's Day shop 11.03.2026

FOHA Non-Uniform (Easter prize donation) 13.03.2026

Easter Disco 12.03.2026 - 3pm - 4.30pm

Easter Raffle 25.03.2026

We really do need more support for our events – if you are able to offer any help for the above events, please contact Mrs Muff in the school office. Thank you!

### Dates for the Diary

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026: NSPCC Number Day – **Further information to follow**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026: Last day of Spring 1

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026: Spring half term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026: Children return to school for Spring 2

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026: World Book Day – **Further information to follow**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026: Last day of Spring 2

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026: Holiday

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

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026: Children return to school, for Summer 1

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026: May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026: Last day of Summer 1

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026: Summer Half term

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026: Children return to school for Summer 2

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026: Children finish school for Summer Holidays

## 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.**

## English Hub Raffle

The Wensum English Hub is located at Heather Avenue Infant School, part of The Wensum Trust, and is one of 34 English Hubs nationwide. Funded by the Department for Education, they support other schools in the county to achieve excellence in teaching reading and early language development.

They are collecting donations for a raffle they will be holding for schools they are working with. If you are able to make a donation towards this - the English Hub Team would appreciate it. Any donations can be dropped off to the school office.

## FOHA Easy Fundraising

We would like to remind you that The Friends of Heather Avenue is registered with easyfundraising, a simple and completely free way for you to support our school every time you shop online.

When you use easyfundraising to shop with thousands of popular retailers - including supermarkets, travel companies, clothing brands and online marketplaces - the retailer donates a small percentage of what you spend to our school. It doesn't cost you anything extra and those donations quickly add up to make a difference.



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### Did you know you can earn extra funds for FOHA when shopping online?

It is so simple, sign up to easyfundraising and see your favourite brands donate to the cause you care about - Friends of Heather Avenue - whenever you shop with them.

**Find out more and sign up at**  
**[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fohais/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fohais/)**

Friends of Heather Avenue is a registered charity.  
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## Your School Lottery

The Friends of Heather Avenue hold a weekly lottery through **Your School Lottery** and you can buy tickets now to help with our fundraising..

It is simple to enter - you choose **6 numbers between 0-9** and if they match the weekly lottery draw you win a prize!

- **One of our players will win a cash prize every week and there is also the option of winning the national prize of a £25,000 jackpot**
- **There is the option of entering the Super Draw where you could win a £1,000 Aldi Gift Card or cash equivalent**
- **There is the option of entering the Summer Golden Draw where you can win £5,000 for yourself and £5,000 for school**
- **Refer a Friend – every person that signs up using their unique referral link will get an entry into the exclusive £200 prize draw**

Every ticket in a weekly draw means an extra entry into our **Summer Golden Draw**. This means that anyone signed up this January will have over **30 entries into the Golden Draw in August!**



To Buy Tickets:

Go to: [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)

And search for: Heather Avenue

## After School Club (Daily 3.00–6.00pm)

Our After School Club runs every day from **3.00pm to 6.00pm**, providing a safe, fun and relaxed environment for children at the end of the school day.

### Prices:

- **3.00–4.00pm:** £4.50
- **3.00–5.00pm:** £9.00
- **3.00–6.00pm:** £13.50

Children staying **between 5.00pm and 6.00pm** will be provided with a **hot meal**, included in the price.

### Weekly Activities:



- **Monday:** Cooking
- **Tuesday:** Arts and Crafts
- **Wednesday:** Construction
- **Thursday:** Games and Puzzles
- **Friday:** iPads, Colouring and Reading

Please book your child's place via **Scopay** or contact the School Office.

**You may be eligible for Tax Free Childcare Vouchers to help support with covering the cost of Breakfast & After School Club, please find information on the link below:**

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

We will be holding a

 **Hearts & Crafts**  **Valentine's Special After School Club  
Session on Thursday 12th February**

Between 3pm - 5pm or 3pm - 6pm

First Come First served - don't forget to book your child on this session via  
Scopay