



## Newsletter | March 2026

### Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term!

Welcome back to the second half term of the Spring term. We hope you all had a wonderful half term break; it has been lovely to welcome the children back and hear all their news.

During our first week back, we have been learning all about Nepal, including lots of key facts! We really hope the children have been sharing these with you at home. You will also be able to see lots of the learning and fun we have had on Tapestry if you want to find out more.

We have lots planned for this half term, and have several exciting National Events taking place, including World Book Day and Science week. We look forward to sharing lots of the children's learning with you via Tapestry!

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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FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

**Friends of Heather Avenue (FOHA) - Reminder!**

**FOHA is working hard to raise funds for the children at Heather Avenue.**

**This term our events include:**

**FOHA Mother's Day shop 11.03.2026**

**Easter Disco 12.03.2026 - 3pm - 4.30pm**

**FOHA Non-Uniform (Easter prize donation) 13.03.2026**

**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

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026: World Book Day

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026: FOHA Non-Uniform day in exchange for Easter Raffle prize

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026: Norfolk Music Festival

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026: Wear Red for Comic Relief

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026: FOHA Easter Raffle

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 Adviser) 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.

## NSPCC Number Day

It was great to take part in the NSPCC Number Day on Friday 6th February. Lots of fun maths-based activities took place during the day and everyone looked great covered in numbers! Thank you for supporting this event, together we raised £68.50!

## Science Week: 6th - 16th March

During Science week we will all be completing some science learning in our classes. We look forward to sharing the children’s learning with you on Tapestry

## World Book Day: 5th March

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day again this year!

Children are invited to dress as their favourite book characters for the day and bring their favourite book to share in school.

On Wednesday 4th March, Author James Campbell will be visiting us sharing some of his stories from his 'The Funny Life' books.

On Thursday 5th March, the children will be able to exchange their World Book Day vouchers for a book as Norfolk Children's Book Centre join us.

## Comic Relief: 20th March

On Friday 20th March - Children are invited to come to school wearing **RED** for Comic Relief. We will be collecting donations for this wonderful Charity.

## Wishing Mrs Houston the Very Best!

As we move through the Spring term, we are thrilled to announce that our wonderful Squirrels Class teacher, Mrs Houston is expecting a baby! To prepare for the new arrival, Mrs Houston will be starting her maternity leave just before the end of the summer term. While we will deeply miss Mrs Houston around the school, we couldn't be happier for her as she begins this exciting new chapter. Mrs Barlow (her job share) will cover Mrs Houston's days for this period of time until the end of the school year.

Please join us in wishing Mrs Houston and her growing family all the health and happiness in the world.

## **New Kids Online Safety Website – Supporting Families to Stay Safe Online**

We are pleased to share an important update from the Department for Education (DfE) about a new resource designed to help keep children safe online.

From 16 February 2026, the government has launched a brand-new Kids Online Safety website. This site aims to support families in having regular, simple conversations with children about what they see online—encouraging questions like *“Who shared this?”* and *“Why?”*

The website has been created around the key concerns and needs parents have raised and includes:

- Helpful conversation starters for talking to children about online experiences
- Guidance tailored to different ages and stages of a child’s life
- Clear information on parental controls and how to use them
- Links to trusted charities and expert organisations for further support

This is a developing resource that will continue to grow throughout the year as part of the government’s wider Online Safety Act commitments.

👉 Please share the Kids Online Safety website with your family and friends.

[Kids Online Safety](#)

Thank you for helping us keep all children safe online.

## 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>