



Newsletter | May 2026

A positive start to the Summer Term . . .

It is hard to believe that we have already been back from the Easter break for three weeks! The children have returned full of enthusiasm and have settled beautifully into the Summer term routines. They are fully engaged in their learning, and it has been a joy to see classrooms buzzing with curiosity, confidence and smiles. You will have recently received information outlining your child's learning for this term, and we are excited about the journey ahead.

Our Year 2 children had a truly wonderful time on their residential visit to Hilltop. They embraced a wide range of team-building activities, developing important skills such as collaboration, resilience and growing independence. It was wonderful to hear about, the children's confidence grew as they embraced new challenges and supported one another. They have created special memories that will stay with them for years to come. We were also incredibly proud to receive so many positive comments about our students' exemplary behaviour. They truly are a credit to the school—well done to everyone!

As we move through the term, we have lots to look forward to. We are excited about our upcoming **International Week**, where children will be learning all about **Costa Rica**, celebrating culture, geography and global connections. Later in the term, **Sports Day** will take place in Summer 2, and we will also begin preparing the children for **transition into their new school year**, helping them to feel confident and ready for the next steps in their learning journey.

Finally, a gentle reminder that Monday 4th May is the May Day Bank Holiday, so school will be closed on Monday and will reopen on Tuesday 5th May.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support – we are looking forward to a happy and successful Summer term together.

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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Dates for the Diary

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

Thursday 14th May: Mental Health Awareness Coffee Morning

W/B Monday 18th May 2026: International Week, focused on Costa Rica

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

Monday 15th June 2026: FOHA Fathers Day Shop

Tuesday 7th July 2026: Sports Day - morning, more information to follow

Friday 3rd July 2026: Annual Reports to parents/carers

Wednesday 8th July - Friday 10th July 2026: Transition days, children move to new classes - more information to follow

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

FOHA

We have lots of events planned for the summer term!

It has been a delight to receive so many entries for our Easter Colouring competition - well done to our winners

Squirrels - Devanya

Woodpeckers - Theo

Butterflies - Davian

Hedgehogs - Olivia

We have the following events planned

Crazy Hairday for FOHA contribution (£1): Friday 22nd May 2026

Pyjama Day for raffle donation: Friday 12th June 2026

Fathers Day Shop: Monday 15th June 2026

Summer Event: Friday 26th June 2026

We also have the return of our popular Ice-lolly Friday for the Summer term - find us in the Kitchen Classroom entrance with lots of Ice Lolly treats on a Friday at the end of the school day.

Sun Safety

Please ensure children have sun cream applied and remember to bring a Sun hat, water bottle and light coat to school each day! We have legionnaire style hats to purchase from the school office for £2.50

If you have not yet completed our Sun Safety form here is the link

[Sun Safety Form](#)

Thank you

Art at Heather Avenue: Parent and Pupil Survey

We are incredibly proud of our creative curriculum. We are currently looking at ways to further elevate Art across the school and the wider Trust. We would love to hear your thoughts, and those of your child, to help us plan future projects, CPD, and community exhibitions.

Please find the link to a short survey below. We would be grateful if you could complete this with your child.

<https://forms.gle/bCwRyQ3U4hDgS8CT6>

Second Hand Uniform

We have lots of second hand uniform (some still with tags!), so please do let us know if this is something that you require - all items sold at 50p

Caught Reading

We have had a fantastic time looking through all the Wonderful reading entries from across school! From Alpaca farms to Aeroplanes, your creativity truly blew us away.

The School Council has finished the very difficult task of judging, and our winners were announced in last week's celebration assembly! Each of the following children has received a wonderful book for their imaginative reading spots:

First prize: Isaiah

Runners Up: Domi and Eden

A huge well done to everyone who emailed their photos to the office. It was wonderful to see so many of you enjoying your books in such unusual places!

Can You Help?

We are planning to add a shade cover to the sand pit in the Squirrels outdoor area. If you have the skills to help us and would be happy to get involved, please let the office know.

Thank you for your support.

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.

Mental Health

Mental Health Awareness week is on the 11th-15th May.

We would like to invite parents to come to a drop in coffee morning on Thursday 14th May at 9.30am, in which we can try and offer some advice and guidance and signpost available services to support adult and children's mental health.

The Mental Health Support Team runs a series of free online webinars designed to help parents and carers better understand and support their child's emotional wellbeing. These sessions are relaxed, informative, and open to all families in our partner schools.

Our upcoming topics include:

- Understanding anxiety
- Helping your child manage big emotions
- Support with sleep

Please find below the dates and times of the upcoming webinars:

Friday 1st May at 10:00am- Sleep

Wednesday 6th May at 6:30pm- Child Anxiety

Friday 15th May at 10:00am- Managing big emotions

Wednesday 20th May at 3:00pm- Sleep

Please click on the link to join our webinars:

<https://nhs.vc/norfolk-waveney-mhst-webinars>