

HEATHERWOOD SCHOOL

End of Term Newsletter

Easter 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the spring term, I want to share how thrilled I am to be back within the Heatherwood community. It has been a genuine pleasure to work alongside our brilliant staff team and spend time in classrooms getting to know our amazing pupils. Their energy, humour, and resilience continue to be the highlight of my days.

As many of you know, I am currently splitting my time between Heatherwood and Hilltop while managing the new school build at Hilltop. This has meant that my visibility around school and opportunities to connect with you haven't been as strong as I would like. To help with this, I will be organising a summer term 'Meet and Greet' event where we can spend time together, share updates, and look forward to the year ahead.

This term has been filled with memorable experiences. Pupils absolutely loved the delayed pantomime, which was well worth the wait, and those who have taken part in school trips have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities. It has been wonderful to watch their confidence and curiosity flourish beyond the classroom. I hope you enjoy reading through this newsletter and sharing the amazing moments your children have experienced this term.

We also have some important staffing news to share. Molly Own, our teacher at The Bridge, has secured a new teaching position with curriculum leadership responsibilities at another Nexus school. We are incredibly proud of her achievement and deeply grateful for the hard work, warmth, and dedication she has brought to Heatherwood. Please join us in wishing her every success in her next steps.

We are delighted to share that Sara Morris, currently at Kelford School, will be joining us to take on the teaching role at The Bridge. Sara brings a wealth of teaching and leadership experience, having taught at Pennine View and served as a leader at Kelford. We are excited to welcome her into the Heatherwood family.

In addition, following our recruitment in the autumn term, Louise Seagraves will be joining us in April as our second Deputy Head. We look forward to the knowledge, care, and leadership she will bring to our school. A welcome coffee morning will be held in the summer term, so parents and carers can meet both Sara and Louise.

As we head into the Easter break, I want to thank you for your continued support and partnership. I wish all our pupils and families a safe, happy, and restful holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school for the summer term.

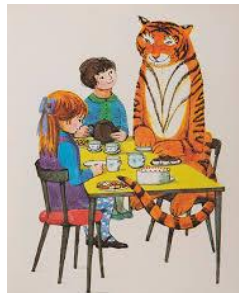
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Purple Class



This Spring term we have had lots of fun learning together!
The children really enjoyed our mirror sessions, exploring different facial expressions and looking at their reflections as we talked about feelings.
We also had a lovely trip to St George's Minster, where the children experienced the beautiful building and a new environment.
Bucket Time has been a favourite in class, with pupils showing great excitement and anticipation during the activities.
Our key story has been *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*, which we brought to life by chopping fruits and vegetables for the tiger and making him a pot of tea!
It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying the story and joining in with the activities.



Yellow Class

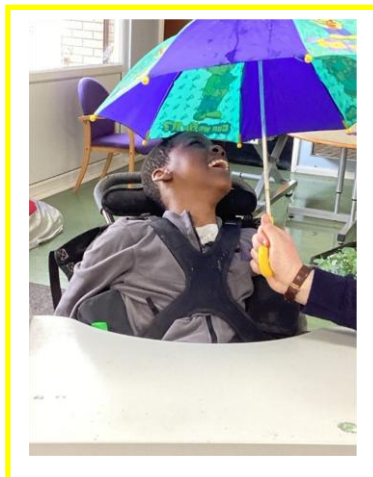


We've had such a wonderfully busy and exciting term in Yellow Class! Our topic this term '**Animals**' has been a big hit. Pupils have loved our focus stories, *The Gruffalo* and *Oi Frog!* and especially enjoyed joining in with all the rhyme and repetition. Alongside our stories, we explored lots of sensory activities, which the children engaged with beautifully.

We've also been busy building our switch and touch-screen skills using fans, iPads, and the Magic Carpet—there's been so much curiosity and fantastic interaction. Our engagement exploration sessions continue to be a firm favourite.

This term, we've tried all kinds of new experiences, from watching a fizzy cola experiment to listening to water gently falling on an umbrella. Pupils also threw themselves into messy play and art activities, exploring textures and materials with both hands and feet!

A highlight for some of us was a lovely trip to the local café, and we're already excitedly looking forward to our visit to the wildlife park in the summer. What a brilliant term it's been—we're so proud of everything Yellow Class has achieved!



The Key

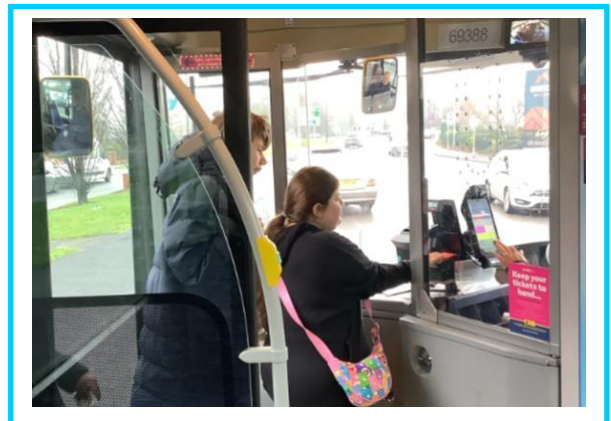


Students in The Key class have had another exciting and productive term. Students have continued with their travel training, where they have practised real-life skills such as boarding public transport and navigating shops in their local area.

In maths, they've been continuing to develop their understanding of money, using addition and subtraction skills and telling the time, applying these to everyday contexts. Their English learning has focused on improving reading skills, understanding a wide range of texts, and building clearer sentence structures to express their own ideas.

Alongside academic progress, the students have also strengthened their independent skills. This has included cooking, where they have been learning about healthy meals to cook in order to help them become more aware of healthy choices and to make easy meals independently.

The Key have enjoyed a range of trips this term, including the races, cinema, Ikea warehouse and Cusworth Hall.



Red Class



During this term we have been learning about different wild animals. We have been walking in the jungle and listening to animal sounds and matching them to the animal.

We have been exploring animal patterns and markings.

We have been creating our favourite animals by making a choice between paint, collage and by practicing using different tools.

We have been building on our choice making skills by using objects, photographs and symbols.

We have introduced photographs of ourself alongside our reflection and are getting ready to introduce our peers on photographs.

We have been applying our ball skills into simple team games like skittles and seeing who can knock the most skittles down. We've also spent time on the swings.

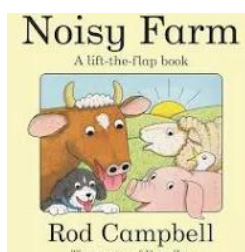
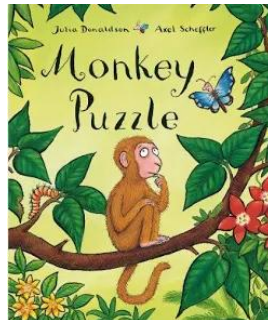
Have a lovely Easter!



Early Years



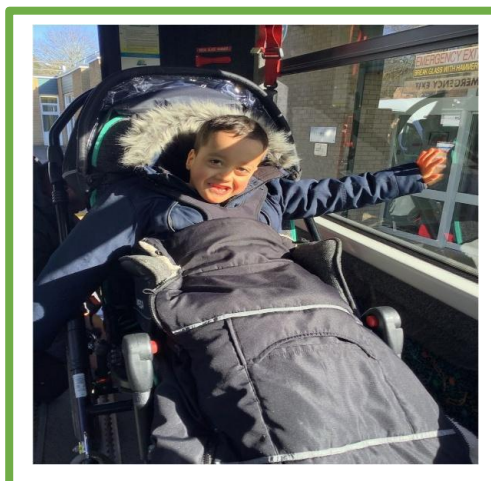
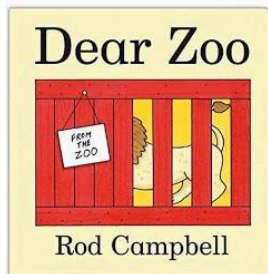
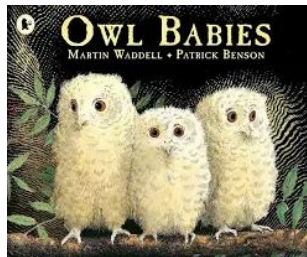
We have had a great term in Early Years!
We have enjoyed going to Wentworth Garden Centre and the farm.
We celebrated Chinese New Year, Ramadan, Science Week, and now it's
Easter!
On top of all of this we have been looking at animals from around the world and
having great fun with our 'Noisy Farm' and 'Monkey Puzzle' stories.
We have also enjoyed exploring all aspects of winter/early spring, and we've
even started planting some beans.
We have done lots work through multisensory and musical activities; so, it has
been a fun and busy start to 2026!



Green Class



Green Class have had a wonderful Spring Term. We have explored two sensory stories called 'Owl Babies' and 'Dear Zoo'. We have engaged with a range of enriching activities all about Animals. Our class had the opportunity to go to Danum Library and Museum. We enjoyed having a walk around the museum, exploring the children's library and eating our lunch in the cafe. Well Done Green Class! You are superstars!



Blue Class



Blue Class have had another incredibly busy, fun-filled and memorable Spring Term! We have loved our topic learning all about Animals; exploring the different types that live across Africa, Antarctica and Australia. From roaring lions to waddling penguins, we have discovered so much about the world around us.

In Maths, we have worked hard and are now confidently telling the time to the hour and half past... although we can't promise this means we'll always be on time just yet!! We have also begun using money to add the value of items — Kelly keeps telling us we don't have enough money and that we need to budget... whatever that means!!

In Art, we explored Cubism, learning how different shapes can come together to create one picture. When you look closely, even more images appear. We enjoyed this so much that we created our own masterpieces, and Kelly thinks they are so good they belong in an art gallery!

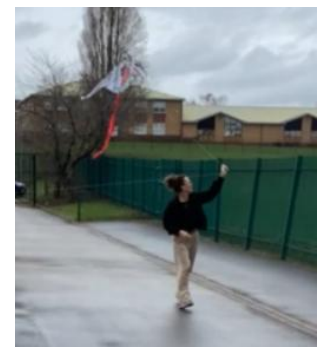
We had great fun flying a kite, but the wind dropped and it disappeared, so Kelly had to run to make it fly!!

One of our proudest moments this term was performing in Heatherwood's Got Talent, where we absolutely smashed it with our original song, "The Crazy Class." Kelly was so proud she even cried — which we found very funny!

We also enjoyed a lovely trip to Wentworth Garden Centre, where we saw a variety of animals, and we were very lucky to have ducklings in school. Watching them hatch from their shells and grow into fluffy little characters was truly special.

This term has been full of learning, laughter, and unforgettable moments. We are so proud of everything we have achieved together.

Have a wonderful Easter break. See you soon, Team Blue ♥



6th Form Hub

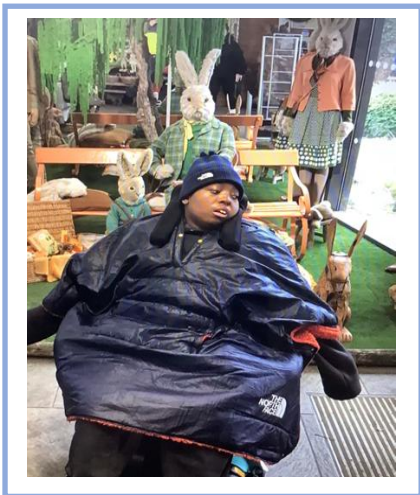
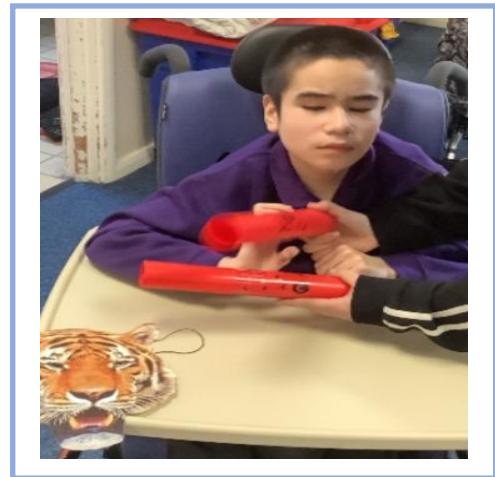
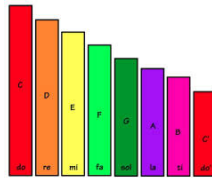


Pupils have been enjoying their local curriculum visits out into the community this half term.

The visits provide excellent further opportunities for interacting and communicating in different settings.

The class art corner has continued to be added to with more bright animal themed art and craft pieces.

Well done to The Hub pupils for their brilliant rendition of 'Eye Of The Tiger' on the boomwhackers for Heatherwood's Got Talent.



ARC



ARC class were learning about pets during the first part of this term. We listened to the sounds our pets make, we read and explored stories such as *'Mog the Cat'*. We created lovely artwork of dogs, cats, and birds, and used these to decorate our display.

We also enjoyed a wonderful presentation from one of our teachers about her pets at home, which helped bring the theme into a more personal context. The second half of the term was all about jungle animals, with a particular focus on giraffes, tigers, and monkeys. We have been reading stories, including *'Giraffes Can't Dance'*, which we have enjoyed very much.

Our production of *"Walking in the Jungle"* was a great success at the recent Heatherwood Got Talent.

We have also had fun in Rebound and the swimming pool.

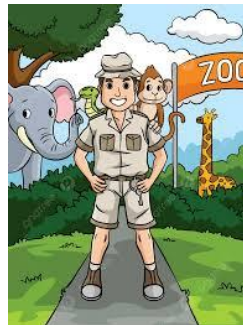
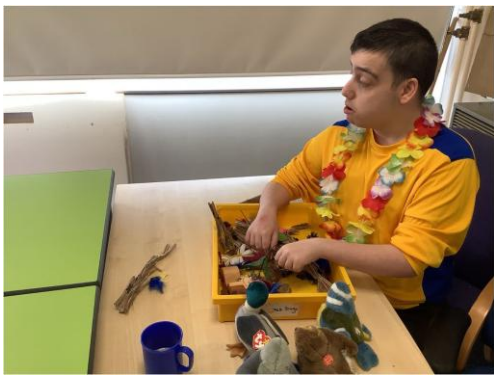


6th Form Hive



This term we have been focusing on wonderful animals in the Hive. We have learnt about different animals in the local area and in the wild. We have looked at the different textures of animals and have learnt about the life of a zookeeper and about the different elements that are needed to look after animals.

We have also continued on our weekly community visits.





Well done to
all our
Heatherwood
Stars

For all your
“eggcellent”
hard work this
term.

Heatherwood School Duckling Watch

Heatherwood School were very eggcited to welcome some cracking duck eggs from our friends at Incredible Eggs. Our pupils, staff and visitors were on duckling watch.

We kept a Duckling Diary and we are happy to share our duckdates with you all:

Day 1 : Our duck eggs have arrived. We are egg-cited for them to hatch!

Day 2: Our first duckling hatched this morning at 10.30am, after such a cracking start to the day, our little duckling spent the rest of the day asleep. We named him Count Duckula.

Day 3: We can into school and found our second duckling had hatched, we named him Shell-by, from Beaky Blinders.

Day 4: Our ducklings are busy exploring their new home and growing in confidence.

Day 5: The ducklings enjoyed seeing our parents and carers attending the fun Easter Extravaganza.

Day 6 & 7: Our ducklings went on a little holiday over the weekend and were very well looked after by our colleague Steph. They all had a cracking time!

Day 8: We welcomed Count Duckula and Shell-by back to school, they were eggcited to see our lovely pupils again.

Day 9: Our pupils from Blue Class enjoyed some fun interaction with our duckings.

Day 10: Our pupils from Early Years came to see the ducklings today.

Day 11: We said a fond farewell to our cute little friends, they are going to their new home with our colleague, Natalie, who I'm sure will keep us up to date with their antics. Thank you, Natalie.

The Ethos of Incredible Eggs:

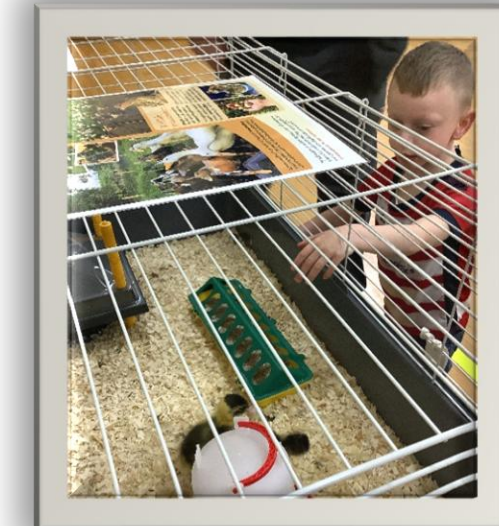
Our 7 branches cover England and Scotland and are run from 4 small farms, which are based out in the gorgeous countryside of Cornwall, Kent, Norfolk and County Durham. Each farm is family run with many years of small-scale poultry keeping/breeding experience.

Our company strives to have a positive social and environmental impact and this ethos underpins everything we do:



Education
Animal Welfare
Safeguarding Biodiversity
Wildlife Conservation
Supporting Charities & Social Enterprise







Thank you to pupils, parents/carers and school staff for raising a fabulous £130.00 for Comic Relief 2026

Heatherwood School Bingo Night

A fun night was had by all at our recent Heatherwood Easter Bingo & Raffle.....

An amazing £409.70 was raised for school funds.

A massive thankyou to all involved.



Important Dates for your Diary (subject to change)

Monday 13 th April	Staff Training Day, school closed to pupils
Tuesday 14 th April	School reopens to pupils
Wednesday 22 nd April	Earth Day
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th May	Post 16 Exams Week
22 nd May (3.15pm)	School Closes for half term
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	Half Term
Monday 1st June	School reopens
Friday 12 th June	Sports Morning – Parents welcome
Friday 19 th June	Year 14 School Reports to parents
Tuesday 23 th June	Year 14 Leavers Assembly – Year 14 Parents welcome
Friday 26 th June	Year 14 Leaving Day
Monday 29 th June	Transition to new classes
Thursday 2 nd July (TBC)	School Prom – Parents welcome
Monday 6 th – Friday 10 th July	Open Week
Tuesday 7 th July	World Chocolate Day
Thursday 9 th July	Celebration Assembly – Parents welcome
Friday 10 th July	The Bridge Summer Fayre – Parents welcome
Friday 17 th July	Heatherfest – Parents welcome
Friday 17 th July	School Reports to parents
Friday 24 th July (3.15pm)	School Closes for Summer Holidays

Times of events to be confirmed.

All Dates are subject to change if necessary.

Please check your Seesaw and text messages regularly for updates.

Important Information

Please remember to contact the School Office if your child is unable to come to school.

The School Office opening hours are: 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday. The school answer machine is available outside these times.

Transport:

If you need to cancel your child's transport for whatever reason these are the contact details you will need.

Unfortunately, school are unable to do this for you.

- 01302 737074 – Option 1 for Parents
- transport@doncaster.gov.uk

If you are worried about a child and wish to speak to someone, you can contact the local authority safeguarding team by calling **01302 737777** in the **evening or at weekends call 01302 796000**. If this concern is not deemed to be immediate you will be directed to fill in the form. If you have urgent concerns regarding a child or young person's mental health, please call the duty team on 01302 796191. You will get a response from either our Early Help team or from Children's Social Care.

[Safeguarding concern - child at risk report form - City of Doncaster Council](#)

Where you believe there is an immediate risk of significant harm the police should be contacted on 999.

Useful Numbers for anyone who needs some support right now:

CALM – 0800585858

Mind – 03001233393

No Panic – 08449674848

Bereavement – 08088081677

PAPYRUS – 08000684141

Samaritans – 116123

SHOUT – Text SHOUT to 85258

Abuse – 08082000247

Refuge – 02073957700