

Heeley's Highlights

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Dear Parents,
It's hard to believe that another busy and exciting term has come to an end. Looking back, it has been a term filled with incredible learning, creativity, and so many wonderful moments that truly capture the spirit of our school community. You have been so supportive of our fundraising events, parent consultations and educational visits, which I am very grateful for. From the very first day of term, it has been a joy to see the children's enthusiasm and determination to embrace new challenges. Whether they've been exploring in the nursery, developing early skills in reading and writing, or discovering more about the world around them in their Geography and History topics, their progress and achievements are amazing. The highlight for many of us this term has, of course, been the lead up to Christmas. The staff have worked so hard to make this a magical time for the children, and we hope you've enjoyed the nativity performances as much as we have. The children's enthusiasm and joy remind us of the true meaning of this special season—kindness, love, and togetherness. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our staff team, who go above and beyond to provide the best possible care and learning experiences for our children, and to all of you, our parents and carers for your continued support and partnership. Together, we create the nurturing environment that allows every child to flourish.
As we break for the holidays, I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May it be filled with laughter, relaxation, and precious time spent with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming you back in January, refreshed and ready for another exciting term ahead.
Merry Christmas one and all.
Best wishes
Mrs Heeley, Headteacher



Reception Christmas Performance - It's a Baby!

Well done to all the children for performing so well in their Christmas Plays this week. They all did an amazing job despite many illnesses and stand in parts!

Parents' guide:

Gaming advice to support pre-teens

internet matters.org



What to think about:



Ways games can benefit children

If your child is a keen gamer, **steer them towards games that will help them to develop life skills** like problem-solving or supplement their learning.



Be aware of game content and themes

It's important to **stay on top of what themes are featured in the games** they play so that you can be aware of how these might influence their view of the real world.

What to talk about

Discuss what they enjoy playing

Have regular conversations about the games they play so you can create an environment where they feel they can come to you if something goes wrong.

Talk about potential risks

Help them understand the **importance of keeping personal details private** and tell them that not everyone online is who they say they are.

How to cope when things go wrong

If they see something that upsets them or are targeted by another player in a game, it's important to talk about how to handle this situation. **Advise them to come and talk to you or a trusted adult for support.**



Please see the full guide:
Gaming guide for Pre-teens - Internet Matters

The website has lots of other useful guidance.
Online Safety Leaflets & resources - Internet Matters

St Nicholas Church, Newport

Christmas Events 2025

Saturday 22nd November - following Christmas Lights Switch On 6.30pm ish

Carols for All

Sunday 30th November 6.30pm

Civic Carol Service

Tuesday 9th December 6.30pm

Memorial Service – to remember loved ones at this time of year

Saturday 20th December 12pm – 1pm

Carols in the Square

Sunday 21st December 6.30pm

Nine Lessons & Carols

Weds 24th Dec – Christmas Eve 5pm

Christingle Family Celebration

Weds 24th December – Christmas Eve 11.15 for 11.30pm

Midnight Eucharist Service

Christmas Day 10.30am

Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

From everyone in school to:

Birthdays this week

Harry in Oak Class is now 4 Years Old

Alicia in Rabbit Class is now 5 Years Old

Leon in Deer Class is now 7 Years Old

Ava in Badger Class is now 7 Years Old

Birthdays over the Holidays

William in Oak Class will be 4 Years Old

Luca in Fox Class will be 5 Years old

Toby, Amine and Dshawn in Rabbit Class will be 5 Years Old

Charlie in The Den will be 7 Years Old





Gold Star Awards

The Den

Charlie, you have had a fantastic week – and term! We are very proud of you for building new friendships, putting so much effort into your work and overcoming challenges like visiting different classes and meeting new people. Well done!

Oak Class

Wow Poppy! It is so great to see your confidence grow over the last few weeks in nursery, you are becoming braver and you shone during our whole class nativity! We are all so proud of you!

Fox Class

Tommy, you always try your very best in all that you do! We are especially proud of your friendship skills this week. You are so kind and caring with your fox friends. Keep shining Super Star!

Rabbit Class

Maisie, for being the perfect 'Mary' in our Nativity! You grew in confidence with every performance, you learned lines and sang beautifully showing everyone what a super learner you are in every area of your learning! We are so proud of you!

Squirrel Class

Chloe, for your amazing dancing in our Christmas performance! You knew all the moves and were perfectly in time. You really did shine like a star! Well done superstar!

Hedgehog Class

Ava, for doing an amazing job in our school play this week! You have grown in confidence and did a super job remembering all your lines for Mary. We are all super proud of you! Well done Ava!

Badger Class

Ava, for working very hard measuring length this week in maths and for a fabulous performance in the Christmas concert, showing lots of confidence with your singing and lines!
I am so proud of you! Keep up the good work!

Deer Class

Summer-Rose, For brilliant and careful measuring of length this week in maths and putting your hand up to answer lots of questions this week! Well done you, keep it up

Sun
Mon
Tue
Wed
Thu
Fri
Sat

Dates for your diary



January 2026

Mon 5th	**School Closed** PD Day
Tues 6th	Return to School

Click here to see our term dates

INFANT SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Just a reminder that Infant School applications need to be completed and returned by 15 January 2026

JUNIOR SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Just a reminder that Junior School applications need to be completed and returned by 15 January 2026



REMEMBER!

Crates and Tyres wanted!
Do you have any crates, tyres or tubing that we could use for outdoor play? If so, please arrange delivery with the school office.
Thank you.





A quick reminder about water bottles

Please remember that your child's water bottle should be filled with water and not juice, unless your child has a medical reason and it has been cleared by the Class teacher or the Headteacher.
Thank you.

Important Notice

If your child attends **High 5** club, Please remember that breakfast stops being served at 8.30am.
Many thanks.

Please remember whilst on school premises to supervise your children during drop off and pick up.
Thank you

INHALERS



All inhalers are being returned home for cleaning. Please can you check expiry dates, wash spacers and return to school on the **first day of the new term.**



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 91.95%

Den Class	**91.67%**
Fox Class	**92.78%**
Rabbit Class	**98.42%**
Hedgehog Class	**92.63%**
Squirrel Class	**90.28%**
Badger Class	**91.67%**
Deer Class	**90.91%**



Mrs Heeley says:
Keep washing your hands to keep those germs away!

After Christmas I will be staying in Rabbit Class as they have the highest attendance this week! Well done!



Absence

Please report all absences to the school office **before 9.00am** on **01952 386610** or email **A2074@telford.gov.uk**. Thank you.

Is your child too ill for school?

Click on the link for the NHS advice:

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Our Ready Eddies this week are



Fox Class	Amelia, Andrew, Angel, Darcey, Finn, Francesca, Harby, Harper, Harry B, Harry H, Hope, Hudson, Isaac, Isla, Jack, Joeph, Luca, Lyla, Mabel, Maeve, Maisie, Margot, Nellie, Nigazhini, Oscar, Pippin, Teddie, Tommy, Zayn
Rabbit Class	Whole Class, Til, Rowan, Amine and Toby
Hedgehog Class	Whole class
Squirrel Class	Harry, Whole Class
Badger Class	Ava J, Layla – Rae, Kane, Ethan
Deer Class	Amanat, Finn, Summer-Rose, Phoebe





Handwriting Heroes

Fox Class	Amelia, Andrew, Nellie, Oscar, Luca
Rabbit Class	Lilly, Til, Amelia and Avery
Hedgehog Class	Isaac
Squirrel Class	
Badger Class	Zia, Kristina, Elijah Freddie
Deer Class	



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Our wise owl readers this week are

Fox Class	Maisie
Rabbit Class	Dshawn
Hedgehog Class	Ilkay
Squirrel Class	
Badger Class	Oliver
Deer Class	



Maths Certificates
Most Improved Awards

	1	2	3
Y2	Dylan	Poppy	Jaxson
Y1	Poppy	Radiyah	Sienna
YR	Harry	Grace	Maisie





Well done!



LUNCH MENU

Week beginning 5th January will be **Week 1**

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WEEK 1

MONDAY
Big Breakfast *Farm Assured Sausage, Bacon, Free Range Scrambled Egg*

Vegetarian Sausage, Free Range Scrambled Egg V

Hash Browns, Baked Beans, Tomatoes, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Chocolate and Vanilla Swirl Mousse or Strawberry and Vanilla Swirl Mousse

TUESDAY
Pizza bar *selection of toppings including* **Ham, Pineapple** V, **Peppers** V, **Sweetcorn** V, **Onions** V

Cheese and Tomato Pizza V

Diced Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Garden Peas, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Chocolate Crunch

WEDNESDAY
Beef Bolognaise *Farm Assured Minced Beef in a Chef's Rich Tomato Sauce with Garlic Bread*

Quorn Bolognaise V

Pasta Twists, Carrots, Broccoli, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Strawberry Sponge and Custard

THURSDAY
Chicken Goujons with Tomato or BBQ Sauce

Quorn Dunkers V

Boiled Rice, Jacket Wedges, Sweetcorn, Big Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Oat and Raisin Cookie

FRIDAY
Jumbo Fish Finger *White fillet of fish coated in breadcrumbs* **or Fishcake**

Vegetable and Mixed Bean Pasta Bake V

Chips, Couscous, Baked Beans, Garden Peas, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Vanilla Ice Cream

WEEK 2

MONDAY
Pizza bar *selection of toppings including* **Ham, Pineapple** V, **Peppers** V, **Sweetcorn** V, **Onions** V

Cheese and Tomato Pizza V

Spaghetti in a Rich Tomato Sauce, Sweetcorn, Big Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Chocolate and Vanilla Swirl Mousse or Strawberry and Vanilla Swirl Mousse

TUESDAY
Wrap Day *various fillings available* Hot Chicken, Ham or Tuna

Cheese Wrap V

Jacket Wedges, Big Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Fruit Muffin Selection

WEDNESDAY
Pork Sausage with a Yorkshire Pudding *Farm Assured Pork Sausage*

Vegetarian Balls V

Roast Potatoes, Creamed Potato, Carrots, Cauliflower, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Chocolate Sponge and Chocolate Sauce

THURSDAY
Sweet and Sour Chicken *Farm Assured Chicken in a Chef's Sweet and Sour Sauce* **or BBQ Chicken** *Farm Assured Chicken in a Chef's BBQ Sauce*

Quorn Nuggets V

Boiled Rice, Noodles, Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Vanilla Ice Cream

BE SAFE

FRIDAY
Battered Fish *White fillet of fish coated in a light batter* **or Jumbo Fish Finger** *White fillet of fish coated in breadcrumbs*

Vegetable and Mixed Bean Pasta Bake V

Chips, Couscous, Baked Beans, Garden Peas, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Fruity Friday – Cooks' choice of Fruit based Pudding

WEEK 3

MONDAY
Hot Dog *Farm Assured Pork Sausage in a Soft Bread Roll with Tomato Ketchup*

Quorn Dog *Quorn Sausage in a Soft Bread Roll with Tomato Ketchup* V

Potato Smiles, Garden Peas, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Cookie Selection

TUESDAY
Chicken in Tomato Sauce *Farm Assured Chicken in a Chef's Tomato Sauce*

Macaroni Cheese *Macaroni Pasta in a Creamy Cheese Chef's Sauce* V

Pasta Twists, Big Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Iced Fruit Sponge

WEDNESDAY
Sausage Roll *Farm Assured Pork Sausage meat encased in Puff Pastry*

Quorn Vegetarian Roll V

Jacket Wedges, Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Golden Shortbread

THURSDAY
Chicken Korma *Farm Assured Chicken in a Chef's Korma Sauce*

Quorn Korma Curry *Tender Quorn pieces in a Chef's Korma Sauce* V

Boiled Rice, Carrots, Broccoli, Seasonal Salad Selection, Naan Bread

Fresh Fruit Salad

FRIDAY
Battered Fish *White fillet of fish coated in a light batter* **or Jumbo Fish Finger** *White fillet of fish coated in breadcrumbs*

Quorn Dunkers V

Chips, Couscous, Baked Beans, Garden Peas, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Arctic Roll or Ice Cream

Be Kind

Sandwich Option
Packed lunch available

FUN FOOD FACT
potatoes were the first vegetable to be grown in space.

FUN FOOD FACT
A POMEGRANATE CAN HOLD UP TO 1400 SEEDS.

BE READY

Fresh Fruit available daily. Cheese and Crackers available Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Week 1 after Christmas. There will be no changes.

Packed Lunches

Please note, lunchbox rubbish is sent home so that you can see what has been eaten. If your child brings grapes or mini eggs, please cut them in half to prevent any potential choking hazards. For healthy lunchbox ideas, follow this link:

https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/

Winter Water Safety

Water can freeze when the temperatures are really low. We might see this frozen water as ice, snow or frost.

Icicles form when dripping water freezes.



Frost and snow form when water vapour freezes.

We can have lots of fun with water in winter ...

... but we need to remember to stay safe.





Ice is very slippery. Be careful when walking outside when it is icy.

Stay away from the edge of water in case you slip and fall in. Keep dogs on leads.





Never walk on frozen lakes, ponds and rivers.

If someone is in the water and needs help, shout for help and call the emergency services.



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