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# Welcome to Herons parents' information meeting

Taught by: Mr Emmens, Miss Taylor & Mrs Arnold (HLTA)

Assisted by: Miss MacTavish

# Expectations in Herons

Full school uniform / PE kit

*"Ready, safe, respectful"*

Daily reading at home

Being resilient learners who persevere!

# Homework in Herons

- CGP revision books (from January 2026)
- Regular reading x4 per week – and evidence of this in diaries!
- Regular Maths/English tasks
- KS1 / KS2 statutory spelling lists – these are on our website page

# How parents can help

1. Encourage your child to read regularly and discuss the meanings of any unfamiliar words with them.

2. Encourage your child to apply maths skills at home (money, timetables, measuring quantities in the kitchen etc).

3. Support your child to attend school on time (by 8:40am) every day.

4. Come in and see us if you have any questions or concerns!

# How parents can help

## Working together to improve school attendance

**Statutory guidance for maintained schools, academies, independent schools and local authorities**

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/66bf300da44f1c4c23e5bd1b/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance_-_August_2024.pdf

### All pupils

| Parents are expected to: |
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| Ensure their child attends every day the school is open except when a statutory reason applies. |
| Notify the school as soon as possible when their child has to be unexpectedly absent (e.g. sickness). |
| Only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance. |
| Book any medical appointments around the school day where possible. |

# How parents can help

**<u>Promoting good attendance (95% or more):</u>**

***The evidence is clear, good attendance at school improves children's life chances!***

"At KS2, pupils not meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths had an overall absence rate of >4.7%, compared to <3.5% among those meeting the expected standard."

"The proportion of CYP cautioned or sentenced for any offence that have ever been persistently absent was 81% in 2023"

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# Herons curriculum enhancements

**PE** – Mondays - Mr Emmens, Thursdays - Mr Ward

**Forest School** – Wednesdays (5th Nov – 10th Dec)

**Swimming** – Wednesdays (10th Sept – 22nd Oct **Y6**)
(5th Nov – 10th Dec – **Y5**)

**Trips** – Cathedral: Monday 10th November 2025
Crucial Crew: Tues 9th December 2025
Residential: Weds 4th – Fri 6th March 2026

Puppet Theatre – TBC (Summer)

# A word on SATs – Statutory Assessment Tests

- Each May ,Year 6 children take part in SATs. They gain a mark which shows how they have achieved against the end of Key Stage 2 expectations.
- SATs week: week beginning Monday 11th May 2026
- Externally marked tests:

English: Reading (1 hour)
Grammar and punctuation (45 minutes)
Spelling (20 minutes)

Maths: Paper 1 (Arithmetic – 30 minutes)
Paper 2 (Reasoning – 40 minutes)
Paper 3 (Reasoning – 40 minutes)

**No calculators allowed in any test**

- Writing – teacher assessment of their writing throughout the year

# Additional meetings for Herons

- Residential Meeting – Monday 22nd September,  3:15pm
- SATs meeting – Monday 12th January 2026, 3:15pm

# Thank you for joining us.

# Any questions?