

MEET THE TEACHER 2026-27

Welcome to Heron's

Mr White
Class teacher

Miss Negus
Teaching assistant



YEAR 6

Mrs Ethelston's C of E Primary School

A little about Mr White

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Before teaching

I taught windsurfing, sailing and kayaking in Greece, France, Egypt and the UK. I also led overland tours through East and Southern Africa.

My background

I was born in South Africa and grew up in Ghana and Ireland.

Professional learning

I hold a Master's in Professional Practice in Education and an NPQ in Leading Teacher Development. I am currently completing the SENCO NPQ.

Outside school

I enjoy squash, windsurfing, running, reading, gardening and building things. I like anything that keeps me busy.



Family, adventure and learning have shaped the teacher I am today.

What children need each day

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01

Small school bag

Enough space for the essentials without being difficult to store.

02

Named water bottle

Children can refill this during the day.

03

Lunch box

Only needed when your child is not having a school lunch.

04

Named jumper or coat

Please label every removable item clearly.

05

Current reading book

Please bring it to school every day.

Staying Safe: Fire Evacuation

We practise fire drills regularly - 1 each term.

Children learn where to line up safely and the route to take.

Staff check every class is together.



Lockdown Safety Procedures

Lockdown drills are practised just like fire drills.

We talk to the children about this in an age appropriate way.

Children stay quiet and calm in classrooms.

Teachers guide and reassure all children.

Safety is always our top priority.



Every Day Counts. Attendance Matters

Better attendance = better learning.

Missing school means missed opportunities.

Aim for 95% or higher attendance.

With your support, we can help your child succeed. We are here to help if attendance is challenging.



Uniform



- Plain black shoes
- Grey socks or white ankle or knee length socks
- Long or short (knee length) grey trousers or shorts
- Grey or navy skirt or pinafore
- Blue checked summer dress
- Royal blue polo shirt with school logo
- Royal blue sweatshirt or sweat cardigan with school logo
- Plain coat or jacket (waterproof)
- White T-Shirt, plain or with logo
- Black shorts
- Black Tracksuit top and joggers
- Plimsolls (for Reception and Year 1 only)
- Trainers

Please mark all items clearly with your child's name. Please ensure jewellery is not worn to school, with the exception of ear studs and watches (not smart).

Our weekly timetable

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	8:40-9:00	9:00-9:25	09:25 - 10:30	10:30 - 11:30	11:30-11:45	11:45-12:20	12:20-1:20	1:20-1:40	1:40-2:25	2:25 - 3:20	3:20 -3:30
Monday	Early Morning work	Church Worship SP - Maths	Literacy	Maths	Break time	Spellings, GR and Lexia	Lunch time	Reading	Science	PSHE	Class Book
Tuesday	Early Morning work	Church Worship	Literacy	Maths	Break time	Spellings, GR and Lexia	Lunch time	Reading	RE	PE	Independent reading
Wednesday	Early Morning work	House Worship	Literacy	Maths	Break time	Spellings, GR and Lexia	Lunch time	Reading	PE	ICT	Class Book
Thursday	Early Morning work	Singing Worship	Literacy	Maths Magma	Break time	Spellings, GR and Lexia	Lunch time	Reading	History	Music	Independent reading
Friday	Early Morning work	Church Worship	SPAG	Maths Reasoning and Problem Solving	Break time	Spellings, GR and Lexia	Lunch time	Reading	French	Art	Class Book

The timetable may change occasionally for events, visitors or whole-school activities.

Year 6 in Herons

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01

Independence

Children will take increasing responsibility for their belongings, learning and choices.

02

Challenge and support

We will maintain high expectations and give children the support they need to succeed.

03

Secondary transition

We will prepare children steadily for the routines and expectations of secondary school.

04

Wellbeing

Children should feel safe, known and confident asking for help when they need it.

SATs are one part of Year 6. Rich learning, creativity, sport and enjoyment remain important throughout the year.

Google Classroom

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One place for key information

Curriculum overview

What the class will learn each half term

Extended Learning at Home

The half-termly choice of activities

Weekly spellings

Words and patterns to practise

Letters and reminders

Updates about class and school events

Please check Google Classroom regularly with your child.

Communication

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01

Quick messages

Speak to us briefly at the end of the school day.

02

Longer conversations

Contact the school office so we can arrange a suitable time.

03

Replies

We will respond by email or phone, depending on what is most helpful.

04

Changes or worries

Please tell us about anything that may affect your child in school.

Supporting learning at home

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Reading

Read regularly and talk about the book, including unfamiliar words and ideas.

Spellings

Practise the weekly words in short, focused sessions.

Maths

Complete homework and revisit number facts when they need strengthening.

Home learning

Choose activities from the Extended Learning at Home grid.

Independence

Encourage your child to check Google Classroom and pack what they need.

KS2 SATs

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SATs week

10-13
May
2027

Planned dates

Tests

English reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling, and mathematics.

Writing

Teachers assess writing using work completed across the year.

The wider picture

Results sit alongside teacher assessment and everyday achievement.

Preparation

We will build familiarity steadily and support children throughout.

Further information for Year 6 families will be shared nearer the time.

Questions?

Please speak to us if there is anything you would like to discuss.

We are looking forward to working with you and your children this year.

Mr White and Miss Negus