

Newsletter



January 2026



Welcome to January's edition of our school newsletter.

Happy New Year!

2025 was a really successful year at Heartwood Church of England VC Primary and Nursery school:

- *Our end of EYFS results were in line with National Average and above Norfolk average.
- *Our end of KS2 results rapidly improved by 34%!!
- *Our Year 4 Multiplication Check was in line with Norfolk average
- *Our Year 1 Phonics Screening Check was well above Norfolk and National average for the third year running at 93%.
- *The Colour Run raised over £2300 and we all had ALOT of fun!
- *New ICT equipment has been bought for the whole school
- *We continued to build relationships in the local community

We cannot wait to see all the children achieve in 2026 :)

At Heartwood, we have high expectations for every child because we believe that all pupils can achieve great things. We are committed to providing a supportive, inclusive, and challenging learning environment where each child is encouraged to do their best, develop confidence, and take pride in their progress.

If you would like to know how you can support your child at home with their learning please speak to the class teacher who will be happy to help.

Mrs Starman, Headteacher



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Responsibility



This half term the school value that we are focusing on is 'responsibility'. The children will be receiving value certificates in our celebration Collective Worship on a Friday for showing responsibility. They will also identify responsibility when others show it. Our Nursery children will also bring home certificates for showing responsibility this half term.

In Collective Worship, we have been discussing the Sustainable Development Goals 3 (Good Health and Well-Being), 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation and 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production) and how have respect relates to them.

Home Learning booklets with suggested activities for each Sustainable Development Goal have been sent home for all children. Let a staff member know once your child has completed an action towards an SDG so that we can celebrate them and give them a certificate.

class of
2026

Is your child due to start Reception in September 2026? Applications must be in by 15th January. If you would like to come and see our school and the Reception classroom, please contact the school office to arrange a visit (01760) 721357 or office@heartwood.norfolk.sch.uk



We have a few places left for our January intake for Nursery. If your child is 3 contact the school office for more information.



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The school council designed and created suggestion boxes for each classroom. This is one way that the children can put forward their ideas for Heartwood.

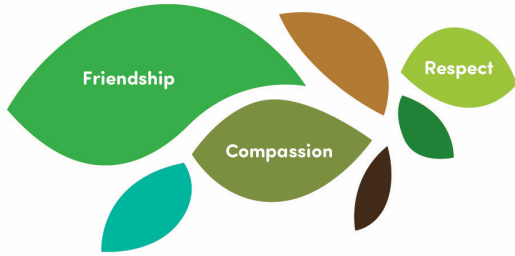
goodbye

Congratulations to Mrs Weeks who has an exciting new job. Her last day at Heartwood will be on Friday 16th January. Thank you Mrs Weeks for all your dedication, creativity, love and care you have given Heartwood over the past 14 years.



We filled an amazing 39 shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child Appeal! Thank you for all your donations.

Children from all classes brought in toys, pencils, toiletries and lots of other fun and useful items to help fill the boxes. The School Council worked together to get everything ready, showing our special Heartwood value of Compassion — caring for others and making a positive difference in the world. Linking with the UN Sustainable Development Goals: helping others, promoting well-being, and working together to build a kinder world. Once the boxes were full, they were taken straight to a local collection center, where they will begin their journey to children who may not otherwise receive a gift this Christmas



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PAPYRUS
PREVENTION OF YOUNG SUICIDE



Carers Matter Norfolk

SUPPORTING YOUNG CARERS & FAMILIES

We raised an impressive £146.97 from your generous donations at Heartwood Christmas events. This money will be split between Young Carers Matter Norfolk and Papyrus Suicide Prevention. Thank you



Heartwood Hygge Christmas Market

The children designed, created and sold their products at the Heartwood Hygge Christmas market. Thank you all for coming and supporting the children who made over £300.



Links for parents/carers:

[NHS Every Mind Matters](#)

[Heads Together](#)

[Young Minds](#)

Links for pupils:

[Mindfulness Hub](#)

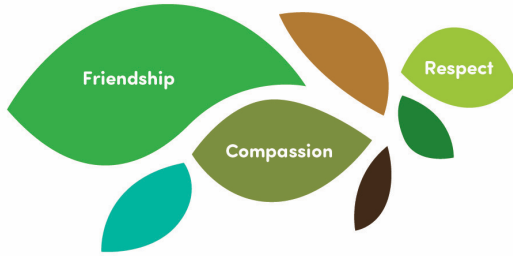
[Mindful Looking activity](#)

[Mindfulness Yoga](#)



Family isn't always easy. That's why there are self-help resources, and for those who need additional support, there are local services, and a free helpline, FamilyLine.

<https://family-action.org.uk/self-help/>



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Diary Dates

Tuesday 6th January – School starts for the Spring term 2026

Week beginning 12th January – Year 6 assessment week

Thursday 22nd January – Reception phonics meeting for parents/carers 3.10pm

Week beginning 2nd February – Years 2 – 5 assessment week

Wednesday 11th February – Workshare for all year groups at 3.30 in classrooms

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February – Half Term, school closed

Week beginning 2nd March – Year 6 assessment week

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day (no dressing up)

Friday 6th March – Year 2 trip to Gressenhall

Monday 9th March and Wednesday 11th March – Learning Review Meetings (parent/carers evenings)

Wednesday 25th March – Workshare for all year groups at 3.30 in classrooms