



Newsletter



February 2026



Welcome to February's edition of our school newsletter.

The DSLs (Designated Safeguarding Leads) at Heartwood are:



Mrs R Starman



Miss C Fisher



Mrs K McKenna



Miss M Compton

There is information about safeguarding at Heartwood on our school website (please click on the link) [Safeguarding at Heartwood](#). You can read our school's safeguarding policy or our school website (please click on the link) [Safeguarding policy](#) or you can ask at the school office for a paper copy. If you have a safeguarding concern, there is always a DSL on site who will be available to listen and signpost you to what to do next.

Look out for an email to book your slots for our next Learning Review Meetings which will be held at the beginning of March.

Mrs Starman, Headteacher Newsletter



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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 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.



Carrie Fisher - Family Support Worker

Just a little bit about who I am. I started here at Heartwood 13 years ago as an MSA and from that moment I was invested in the school and the wider community. I have since had many different roles in the school. This has enabled me to build strong and positive relationships with the children, which has been and continues to be an honor. My role as Family Support Worker now allows me to support not only our children but our families too.



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I myself was a single parent of 4 children, and this came with many challenges. I could go on!! Although I am qualified to do my job, I feel life experience has best supported me in this role. If you feel that you need support for your child, yourself or your family, please feel free to pop along for a cuppa and a chat (no formalities.) There is no judgement in my office. Just a safe space to be heard. I will support you the best I can and be able to signpost you to the support that is needed.

Please feel free to call the office or email familysupport@heartwood.norfolk.sch.uk if you feel I could help or support you.

Carrie is available to support families with:

- behaviour at home
- mental health of children and parents
- finances
- routines and boundaries at home
- positive relationships
- sign posting for support
- a listening ear



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



The school council listened to what the children at Heartwood would like and the Friends of Heartwood are organising a Film and Pizza night on Friday 13th March. Children are currently voting for the film they would like to watch. More details to follow.



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hello.
goodbye.

Miss Robbins will be returning to Heartwood from maternity leave on Monday 23rd February. She will be visiting the children during the week before half term. Miss D Fisher will be leaving Heartwood as Miss Robbins is returning and we thank her for teaching Rabbits class and wish her all the best.



Thank you to all the children who designed Christmas cards and to everyone who bought packs of the beautiful cards. We raised a total of £101.23 for Street Child with the sale of the Christmas cards which is fantastic.



Links for parents/carers:

[NHS Every Mind Matters](#)

[Heads Together](#)

[Young Minds](#)

Links for pupils:

[Mindfulness Hub](#)

[Mindful Looking activity](#)

[Mindfulness Yoga](#)



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Thank you for not parking in either of the staff car parks at any time of the day. We appreciate your support. Please also note; the parking on Montague Close (back gate entrance) is for residents only.



Diary Dates

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)

Friday 20th March – Year 1 and Year 3 trip to Banham Zoo

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

Thursday 26th March – Easter service in Church at 2.30pm. All Welcome.

Monday 30th March – Monday 13th April – Easter holidays, school closed

Tuesday 14th April – School open for summer term