



# Newsletter

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## This week in the Art Room...

Year 2 had great fun creating their own Ice Cream Sundae's inspired by Wayne Thiebaud this week.

Year 6 were impressed as we unveiled their ice sculptures with an environmental message. We photographed them outside and also hope to enter them in the Fourth Plinth Competition.

Year 4 made the finishing touches to their Mother's Day Portraits and also enjoyed researching the mbira instrument from Zimbabwe.

Just a reminder that the Royal Academy Children's Summer show competition deadline is 4 March. <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

It would be great to see some entries from Heber!

Mrs Coulson



## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as the Star of the Week for demonstrating our school values:

RC:	Esme	RH:	James
1JP:	Albert	1V:	Adam
2C:	Alex	2P:	William
3R:	Tabitha	3W:	Hannah
4DL:	Lucia	4S:	Mia
5B:	Unica	5S:	Stanley
6A:	Lauron	6K:	Jessica

## Academic Excellence:

In our Merit Assembly we celebrated the successes of a child from each class, who excelled in their learning and produced some outstanding work. Well done to the following children:

RC:	Sophia	RH:	Oisin
1JP:	Noah R	1V:	Izzie
2C:	Princess Zaria	2P:	Harvey
3R:	Bella	3W:	Eloise
4DL:	Cleo	4S:	Thomas
5B:	Luna	5S:	Finn & Xavi
6A:	Gia	6K:	Lila



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## Intergenerational Music Making Project

This Monday, we began a new and exciting partnership with The Elms Care Home on Barry Road. We took 20 children to start our engagement with a 6-week music making project, bringing together some of the youngest and eldest members of our local community. Our children made new friends, sang, and moved to the music with residents of The Elms, led by IMM (Intergenerational Music Making). We will continue to visit in the weeks between half term and the Easter break.



## Chess Club Tournament

Today, we held the GRAND FINALS of the Heber Chess Club 1 Spring 2026 tournament, which was run in two groups: year 6, and years 3-5. Everyone competed with enthusiasm and displayed great sportsmanship. The year 6 final was between Albert and Julian. Julian captured Albert's queen early on, but Albert did not give up and fought back valiantly. It was a long battle...but a lost queen is a difficult position to recover from and in the end, Julian was the winner! The years 3-5 final was between Lenny (year 4) and Max (year 5). The players were closely matched, and this was a long, tough battle. In the endgame, Lenny was left with just his king, while Max still had his rook and queen. It looked like a victory for Max. However, Lenny – cunning as a fox – evaded checkmate and the game eventually ended in stalemate: a draw! (David Buckle, Parent Volunteer Leader)



## Buddy Reading – Year 3 and Nursery

On Wednesday, 3R were so excited to visit the children in nursery for some buddy reading. We all paired up, found an exciting story and read aloud to the children. We loved pretending to be different characters, exploring the pictures and asking questions. We can't wait to read together again soon!





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## Safer Internet Day 2026

On Tuesday 10th February, Heber took part in Safer Internet Day, a global event celebrated each year to promote the safe and positive use of technology for children and young people.

This year's theme was "Smart Tech, Safe Choices: Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI."

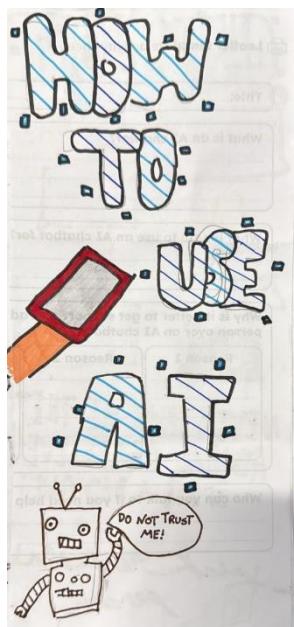
All classes from Nursery to Year 6 joined in with a range of activities designed to help children think carefully about how technology, including artificial intelligence, is used in everyday life. Regardless of age group, there was one question all children were asking themselves: What's the difference between humans and AI?

Our younger pupils explored the idea of voice assistants, such as Amazon Alexa, Apple Siri or Google Assistant. They learned that while these technologies can be helpful and fun, they are not real people. Children from Nursery to Year 2 thought carefully about what humans can do that AI cannot.

In Key Stage 2, pupils took part in thoughtful discussions about artificial intelligence and chatbots, such as ChatGPT, CoPilot and Gemini. They explored questions such as when using AI is helpful, when it might be unfair or unkind, and how to recognise misuse, including sorting various scenarios into 'okay' and 'not okay'. Crucially, classes discussed reasons why it's better to get support and advice from a person over an AI chatbot and produced some brilliant posters and leaflets to help teach others.

Many classes also enjoyed taking part in the BBC Safer Internet Day Live Lesson, which reinforced key online safety messages through an interactive lesson.

Overall, Safer Internet Day was a great success and children once again showed how knowledgeable they are about technology and the internet. We encourage families to continue these important conversations at home. Asking children about the apps, games, and technology they use can make a real difference in helping them develop safe and confident online habits.





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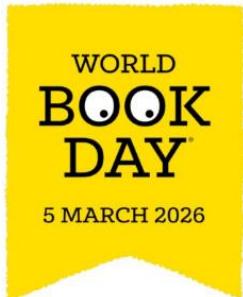
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## World Book Day 2026

World Book Day falls on Thursday 5th March this year, which means our Heber book week will take place the week of Monday 2nd March. To give you a heads up for this year's dress up theme, we are pleased to announce that our World Book Day will focus on 'Bedtime Reading', therefore please send your children to school in pyjamas, onesies, dressing gowns and night caps on Thursday 5th March!



**SCHOOL DISCO**

PROUDLY HOSTED BY HEBER P&F

**Thursday 26th February**

PRICE £5 – Please complete booking form and pay via Arbor. Price includes a drink, crisps and allergy friendly sweets.

[Ticket Booking Form](#)

[Make Payment Here](#)

Reception, Year 1 & 2: 4.30pm–5.15pm

Years 3–6: 5.45pm–6.45pm

Chill out room will be available with creative activities.

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF HEBER SCHOOL 2026 EVENTS**

<b>SCHOOL DISCO</b> Kids - main hall - from 16:30	<b>FEB 26</b>
<b>FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT</b> Kids parents and carers - Heber School - starts at 12:00	<b>MAR 7</b>
<b>QUIZ NIGHT</b> Parents and carers - main hall - doors open 19:00	<b>MAR 26</b>
<b>EASTER EGG HUNT</b> Kids - during school hours	<b>MAR 27</b>
<b>FUN RUN</b> kids, parents and carers - Dulwich Park - AM	<b>MAY 17</b>
<b>INTERNATIONAL AFTERNOON</b> Kids, parents and carers - Heber School - from 16:30	<b>MAY 22</b>
<b>SUMMER FAIR</b> Open to the public - Heber School - from 12:00	<b>JUL 4</b>
<b>SUMMER PARTY</b> Parents and carers - Heber School - from 19:00	<b>JUL 16</b>

**WWW.GIVEY.COM/HEBERPANDF**

## Amazon Wish Lists

Our Amazon wishlists have been updated with new items that would really benefit the children's learning and enrichment here at Heber. Contributions through this initiative are hugely appreciated and make a real impact on the children in our community. To make a contribution, please click the following links to access the wishlist for the year group your child is in:

[Early Years - Nursery and Reception](#)

[KS1 - Years 1 and 2 - We have added lots of dyslexia friendly books!](#)

[Lower KS2 - Years 3 and 4](#)

[Upper KS2 - Years 5 and 6](#)

[SENCO wishlist - We have lots of sensory bits added!](#)



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## Goal Glut in the mud and the rain.

Jack R, Jack M & Eddie (4DL) and Oliver, Lenny, Freddy, Kadri & Jasper (4S) played an 8-a-side match that the opposition, Alleyn Oakfield, seemed confident about pre-game.

However, the first outing for the Heber lads since their Runners-Up medals at the last Alleyn's School Tournament was very much a one-sided affair in Heber's favour. Ultimately, a 5–1 win was the minimum the boys deserved. Jack R, Eddie, Jasper, Kadri and Lenny all scored, and every lad made a great contribution. This was neatly summed up by the opposition coach, who said, "You've got a great team of players there."

Well done, and great work, by all the boys involved.

While our more experienced players were facing the Alleyns Oakfield A team, our slightly less experienced squad took on their B team. Well, what can I say? The Heber players showed so much enthusiasm and teamwork that the game became something of a landslide. At Heber, we focus on enjoyment for all and on supporting everyone, including our opponents. By the time Heber were 8–0 up, several of our players offered to play for the opposition — it's what we do at Heber. Strangely, the Oakfield teacher declined the offer, and the match finished with a 15–0 win for Heber.

Great play and kindness shown by Alex, Edmund, Isaac, Oscar, Finn, Theo, Jake and Cameron.

Special mention for Cameron who scored 9 goals - a Heber record!

The minibus was rocking on the way back to school!

Thanks to James and the other parents who braved the rain and helped to manage and support the teams.





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## This week in the Music Hall...

It has been a fantastic half term of music making at Heber. Everyone has worked really hard and I hope they are looking forward to learning their new instruments after Half Term.

Year 1 have been learning the song Noises in the Night. They have been listening to lots of different tuned and untuned percussion instruments and thinking about how they all make different sounds. They have then been deciding which instruments they can use to create the sounds featured in the Noises of the Night and have been playing them while singing.

Year 2 have been learning about dynamics. They learned the words Piano, meaning soft and Forte meaning loud. The children had a go at playing their instruments both Piano and Forte as well as quickly and slowly. Year 2 also played the Glockenspiels this week, which they will be continuing to learn after half term.

Year 3 successfully recorded their Foley sounds. We all worked together to create the sound effects for a short cartoon, Snoopy Making Pizza. This week each child played their own sounds for the video which we recorded in groups. Year 3 parents, keep your eyes peeled for the completed videos which will be ready after half term.

Year 4 gave some beautiful performances of their musical creations based on different famous artworks. This week, they had a go at reversing the process and drawing while listening to music. They listened to two contrasting pieces, Morning Mood and Hall of the Mountain King, both from Peer Gynt by Grieg. They followed the shapes and sounds in the music with their pencils. We then discussed how the pieces looked different on the paper as well as sounding different.

Year 5 completed their canons and rounds module with two lovely performances. First, they sang all four of their partner songs, with really beautiful singing and clear melodies. They then learned to play Frere Jacques on the glockenspiel. Two groups played the famous tune in the round and a third group played the last line Ding Dang Dong as an ostinato to accompany the round.

Year 6 have now covered the Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Classical and Romantic eras. This week they learned how the Romantic era is all about emotion and expression. They listened to and had a go at playing some long flowing melodies, like in Chopin's Nocturne in E flat Major. They then listened to pieces from the Romantic era including operas, ballets and symphonies. They created a tableau for each piece, showcasing the story or emotion they felt the music portrayed.

### Volunteer Band Leader Call-out.

Thanks to the success of Heber Bands such as The Ants and The Misty Minds, we have had lots of interest in the school from budding musicians hoping to form new bands. This is great to see, and we want to encourage Heber students to get creative with their own music making. However, we are running out of slots in which bands can rehearse in school time and with help from the teachers. We were wondering if any musically inclined parents/carers and friends of Heber would be interested in facilitating band rehearsals. Band members would need some musical guidance, as well as help managing their rehearsal time. Miss Grace will be happy to assist with any resources/instruments needed. If you are interested, please reach out to Miss Grace - [gwatkins@heber.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:gwatkins@heber.southwark.sch.uk) .



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## February

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term Holidays
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Lunar and Chinese New Year Dance Workshop (Nursery – Year 2)
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	RC Reading Café 9.15am
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	RH Reading Café 9.15am Years 3-6 Cross Country at Alleyn's P&F Children's Disco
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	2C Trip to St Pauls Year 1 Creative Dance Workshop

## March

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability – Year 5
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3R Coding session start at Alleyn's
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Heber Book Week
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5B Class Assembly (9.15am)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	2P Trip to St Pauls
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	4DL Class Assembly (9.15am)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	5S Art Trip to Dulwich Park
Week beginning Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening Week
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2P Class Assembly (9.15am)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	5B Art Trip to Dulwich Park
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	3R Class Assembly (9.15am) 5B Trip to Maths World Year 4 Trip to The British Museum
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	5S Trip to Maths World Year 4 trip to The British Museum
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	P&F Egg Hunt (during school time) Last day of term – school finishes at 2pm

## April

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	First day of the summer term
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Art exhibition (3.45pm)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mental Health workshop for parents: Building your child's emotional resilience
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	4S Class Assembly (9.15am)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	3W Class Assembly

House Points	Rigal	Mycroft	Valdez	Ndume
This Week	565	562	566	568
This Term	2345	2350	2348	2349